raider revolution

TRESA COUCH

Teresa,
To a good friend.
Good luck in the
future.

Sara
Helms

Teresa,
To a nice girl who
I like a lot. Let's
really make this year
the best ever.
In the future. Good luck
-77- Linda Wrestler

Teresa,
I can never think of anything to write in these stupid things! All I can say is, I wish you luck, and I hope everything goes right for you. I'm pretty sure it will though. You're outgoing and friendly and have everything together!
Love, Kelly Lawson

Jason,
Have fun in our new class!
Maretta

Mark Pomfret
-79-

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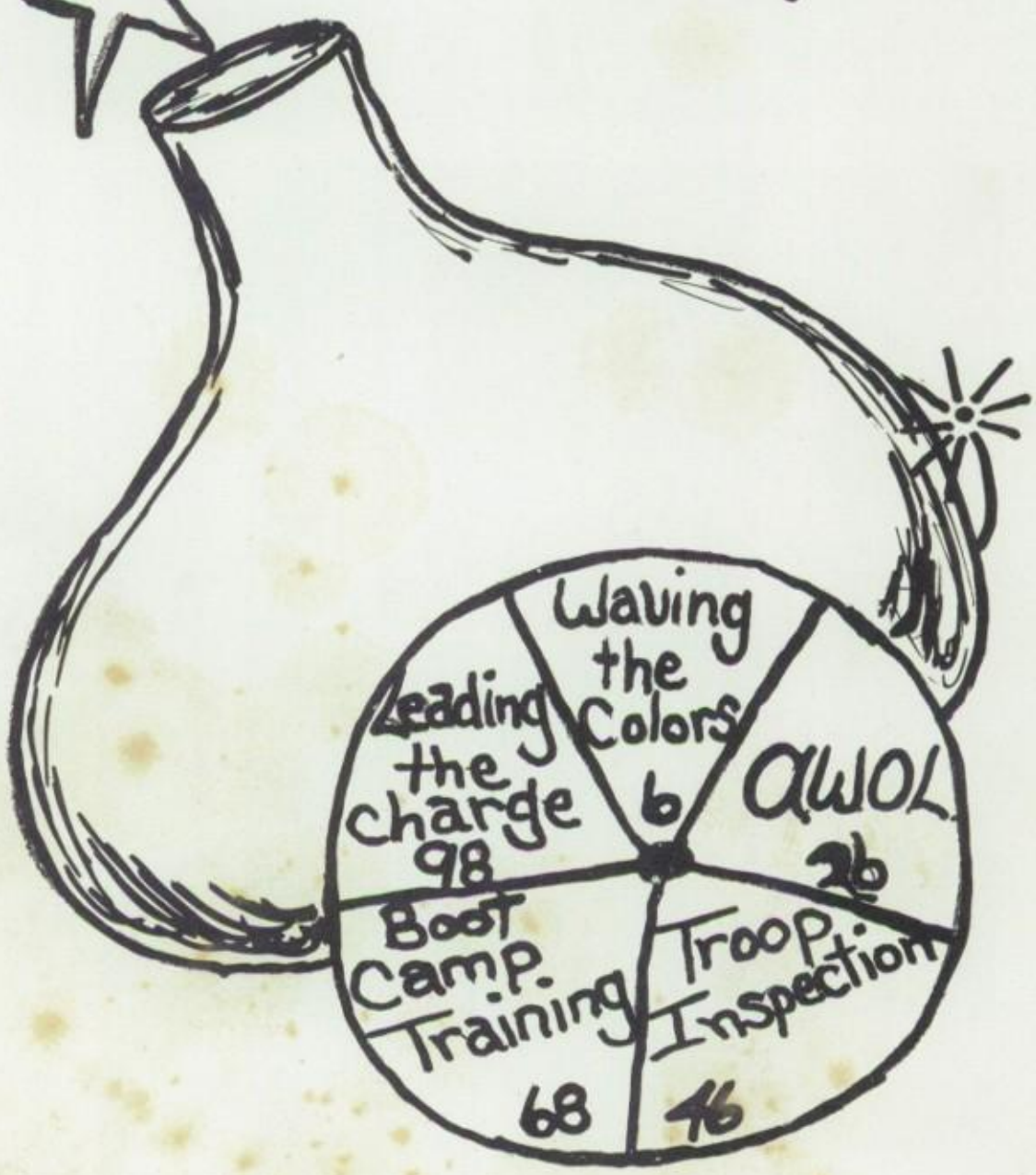

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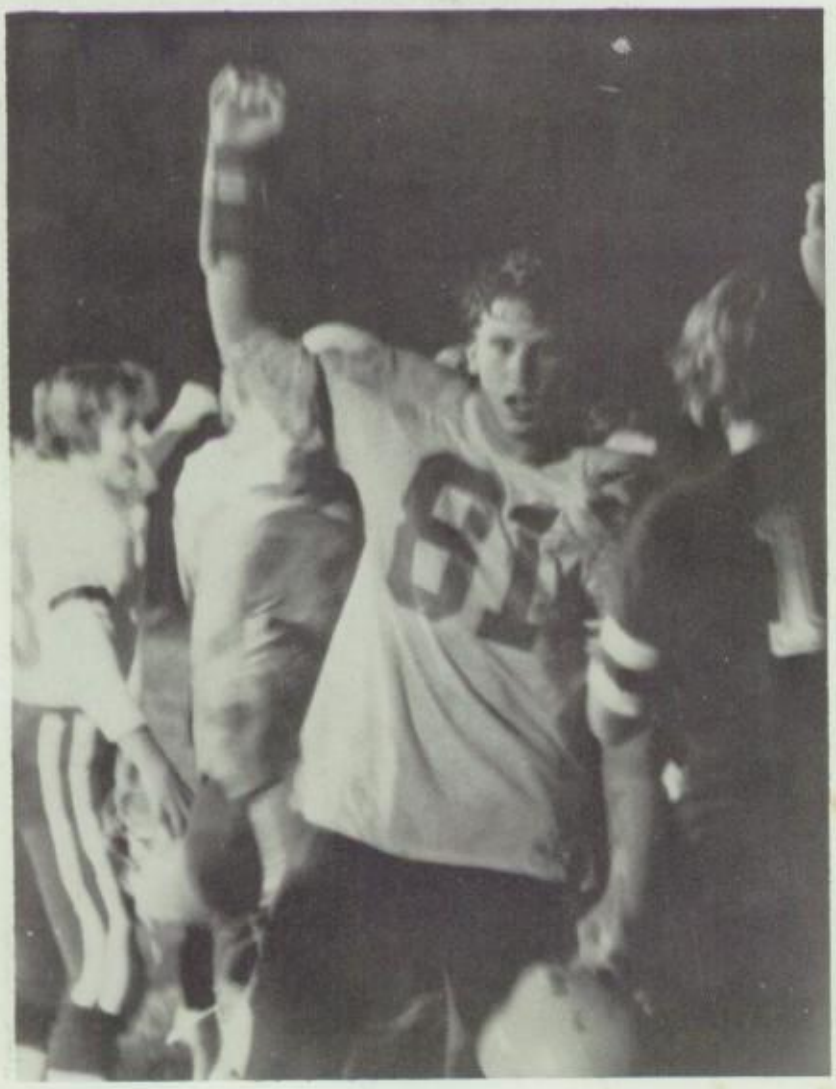
RIGHT- Varsity cheerleaders Karen Kershner beams with enthusiasm as she helps direct cheers at a pep session in the gym. BELOW- Terry Buchanan experiences the thrill of flying as he becomes airborne while working out on the school's new trampoline. Dale Gardner and Phil Schortgen help spot him.



LEFT- Exhausted yet triumphant Raider Tim Schortgen displays his enthusiasm after winning over Eastside, 6-0, in the season opener. Ivan Beeks joins in the celebration. ABOVE- Family living student Jody Holloway learns the art of working puzzles from this young preschooler during that class's Nursery School Week. RIGHT- Head football coach Ted Taylor shares a few of his experiences during SW's best football season at the Fall Sports Banquet.

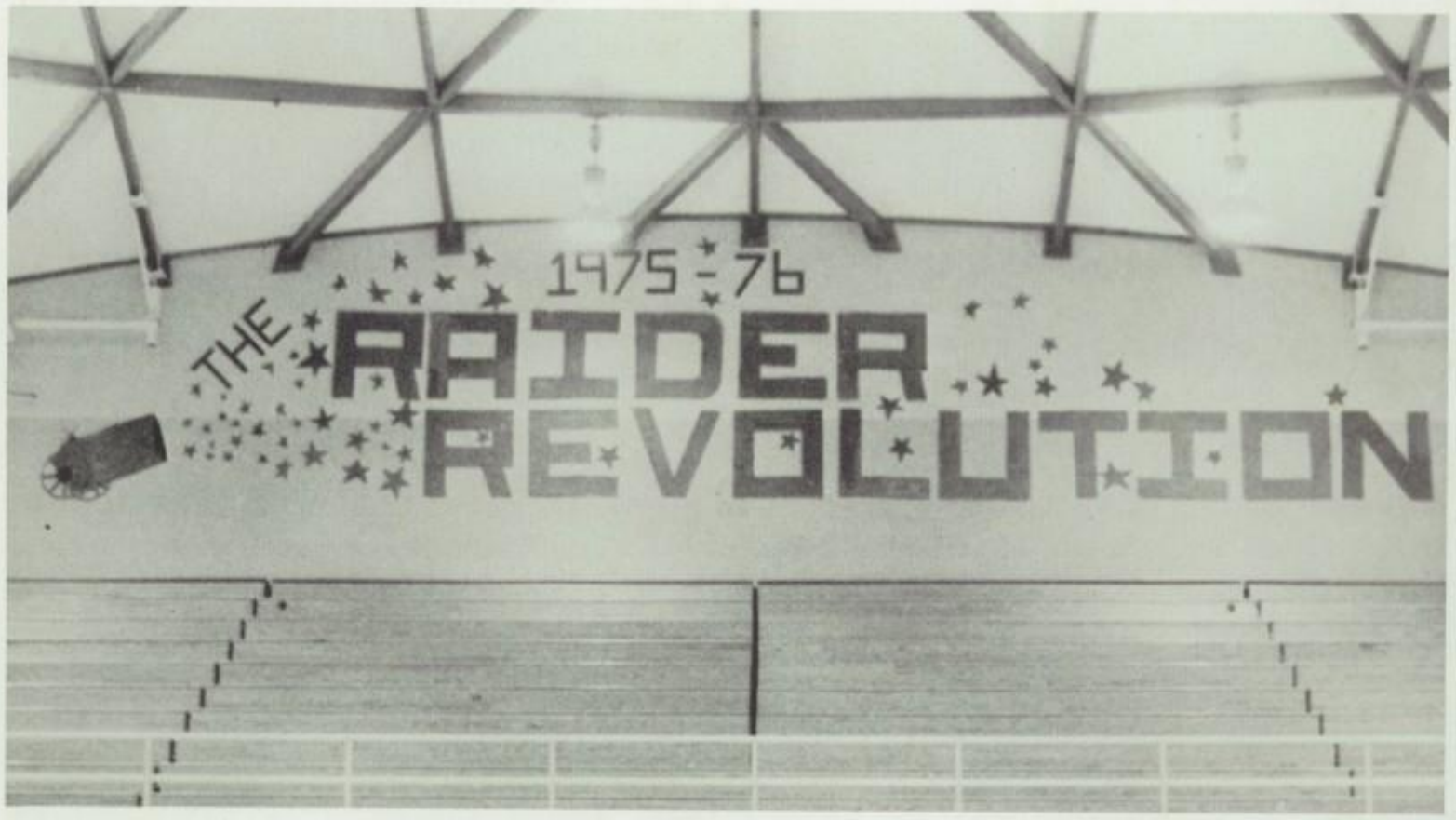
LEFT- The constantly high spirited and enthusiastic cooks display their patriotism as they serve the school's Thanksgiving dinner. BELOW- Tresa Couch and Gwen Leas discuss a rather interesting photograph while decorating the school's Christmas tree.

1976 . . . 1776 . . . 1975-76 school year . . . Bicentennial . . . Southern Wells' tenth anniversay . . . What went on? . . . How did it happen? . . . Who was involved?

For many SW students and teachers it was filled with both challenges and struggles. Everyone encountered new classes, new friends, and new jobs. Athletics provided constant challenges, both on the field and in the stands. Teachers challenged students to get involved and to broaden their intellects. Students challenged teachers to push on without losing their sanity.

Struggles were constantly being fought to cope with these new challenges. Everyone had his own problems and worked hard to overcome them. Sometimes by solving one problem, another was created. Dating, friends, money, sports, and homework were all battlegrounds for fierce struggles.

For those who overcame their problems or were able to ignore them, the year ranged anywhere from boredom, to excitement and achievement. Others enjoyed the challenges offered them- met them and overcame them. For these people, the year was exciting and meaningful.



ABOVE- The cheerleaders used this display to decorate one side of the Raider Arena this year. Not only was this display very impressive as it caught the eye; it also caught the minds of this year's CHARGER staff. We felt that this title basically summed up the entire atmosphere and mood that surrounded SW school life and activities.

LEFT- Art student Don Stacy works on one of his many creations in the art room. Many art students found that class a great way to express themselves in a totally different way. ABOVE- "You've got to be kidding!" seems to be written all over English teacher Mrs. Debbie Brown's face as this photographer caught her sampling the Home Ec department's pies. RIGHT- Jody Holloway seems to be thinking, "It's going to be one of those nights!" as Marlene Rogers expresses her "true feelings" while practicing for the fall play.

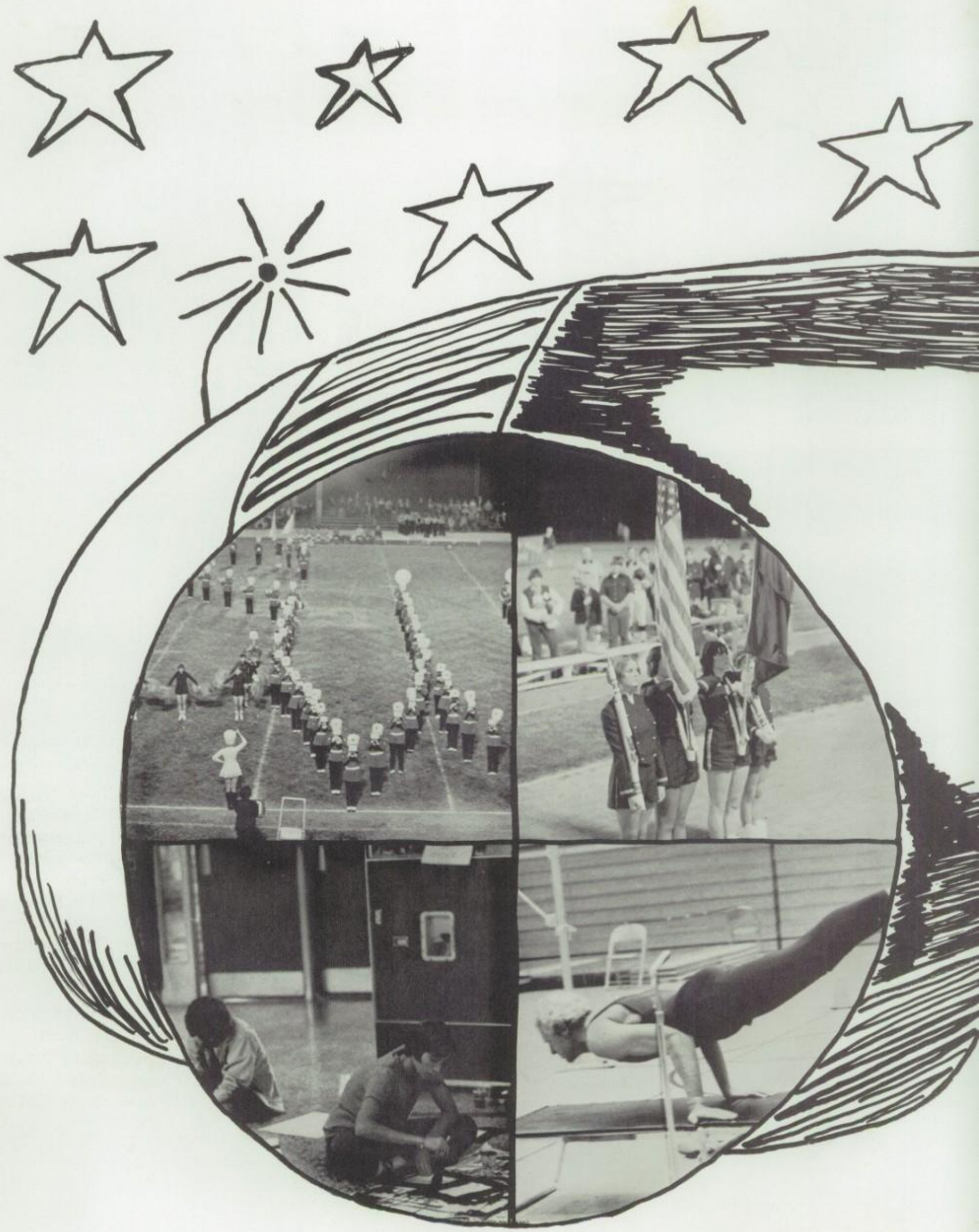
LEFT- With complete concentration and determination, Barry Story leaps over this hurdle with a fraction of a second lead over Bluffton. BELOW- It takes a lot of effort to drag oneself out of bed, onto the bus and then into school each morning. Cindy Kellogg, Marlene Rogers, Becky Monce, Melanie Kellogg, Howard Hogston, and Tim Bryant brave another day.

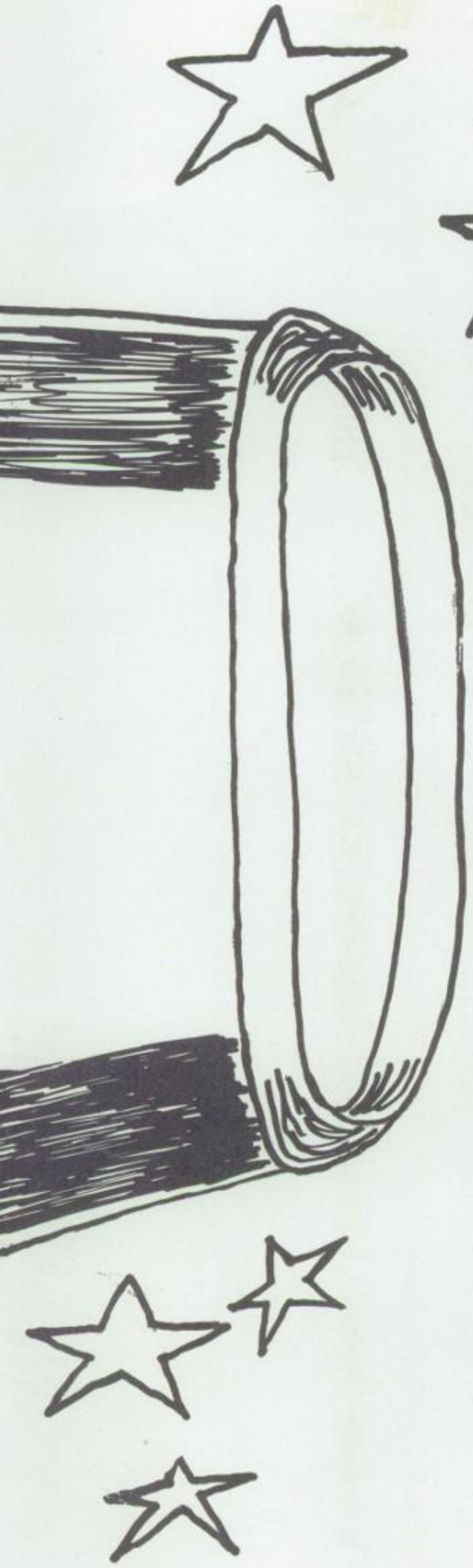
ABOVE- Mr. Larry Sell tries to explain the mechanics of some interesting device to Tracy Gentis during one of his science classes.

From the highly charged and power-packed Homecoming Week to the thrilling prom and emotional graduation - from the opening football game to the ACAC Tourney, the Sectional and the Spring Sports Banquet - from the August "hello's" to the May "good-bye's" - from the anxiety of entering SW as a hesitant 7th grader to leaving as a confident Senior - life was full of challenges, defeats and victories.

While the classroom offered more than its share of conflicts and challenges, the most dramatic, colorful and exciting contests came on the athletic fields. After spending years in growth and development, a new trend began to take place in SW athletics. People began to take the one-time "Mediocre" SW athletic program seriously, as they proved to be highly contend able opponents, capable of scoring and winning repeatedly.

As this new era of athletic improvement began to unfold, the cheerleaders titled it the "Raider Revolution". This title lends more than just an explanation of athletic improvement; it also refers to life at SW. It describes the continuously revolving circle of challenges which students face daily in both their social and academic activities. It refers to the many changes taking place at Southern Wells; old faces gone, new ones replacing them; habits broken, new guidelines being set. It means the advances in music, the arts, and academics. It speaks of pride in today and hope for tomorrow. It is indeed the "Raider Revolution".





waving the colors

Homecoming '75 . . . Prom '76 . . . Graduation '76 . . . Sadie Hawkins . . . Swap Day . . . Switch Day . . . convocations . . . special days . . .

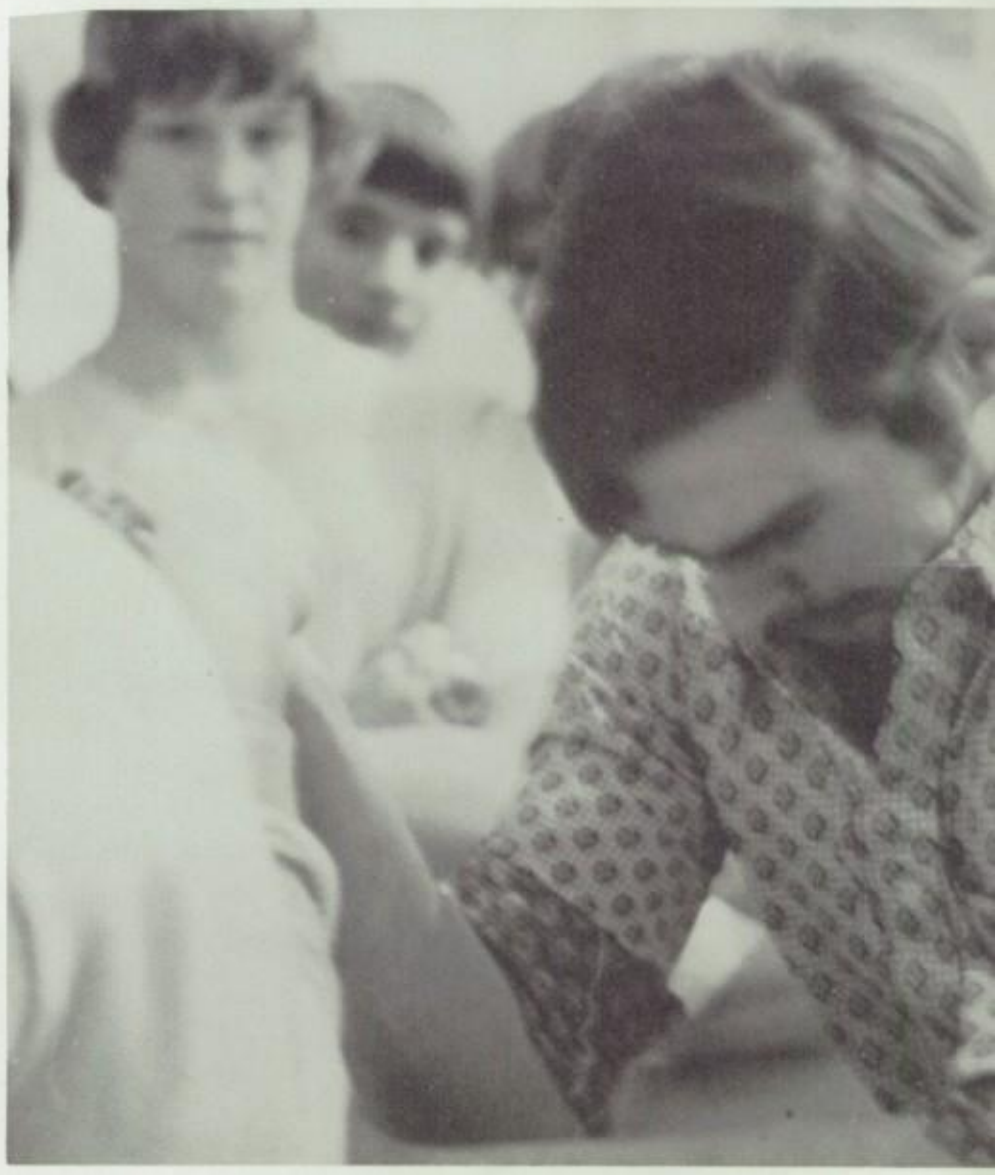
Special days . . . special events . . . special moments. Moments scattered throughout the year to make school life a little more exciting and colorful. From the naming of the Homecoming King and Queen to the valedictorian and salutatorian speeches, the '75-'76 school year was filled with exciting and colorful moments that made it a very memorable year for many. An exciting Homecoming Week, including a powder-puff football game, a bon fire, floats and a parade helped highlight the fall, while a country-style Prom and an exciting Graduation added a special touch to the spring months. With all of these special moments, SW students were given an opportunity to forget their problems and hastles for a while and Wave their Colors.

SPECIAL DAYS

How do you lose a 10 ft. Christmas tree? Ask Steve Gearheart, he can do it. He didn't realize it was gone until he arrived at school. When he back-tracked to find it, he discovered someone had driven off with it.

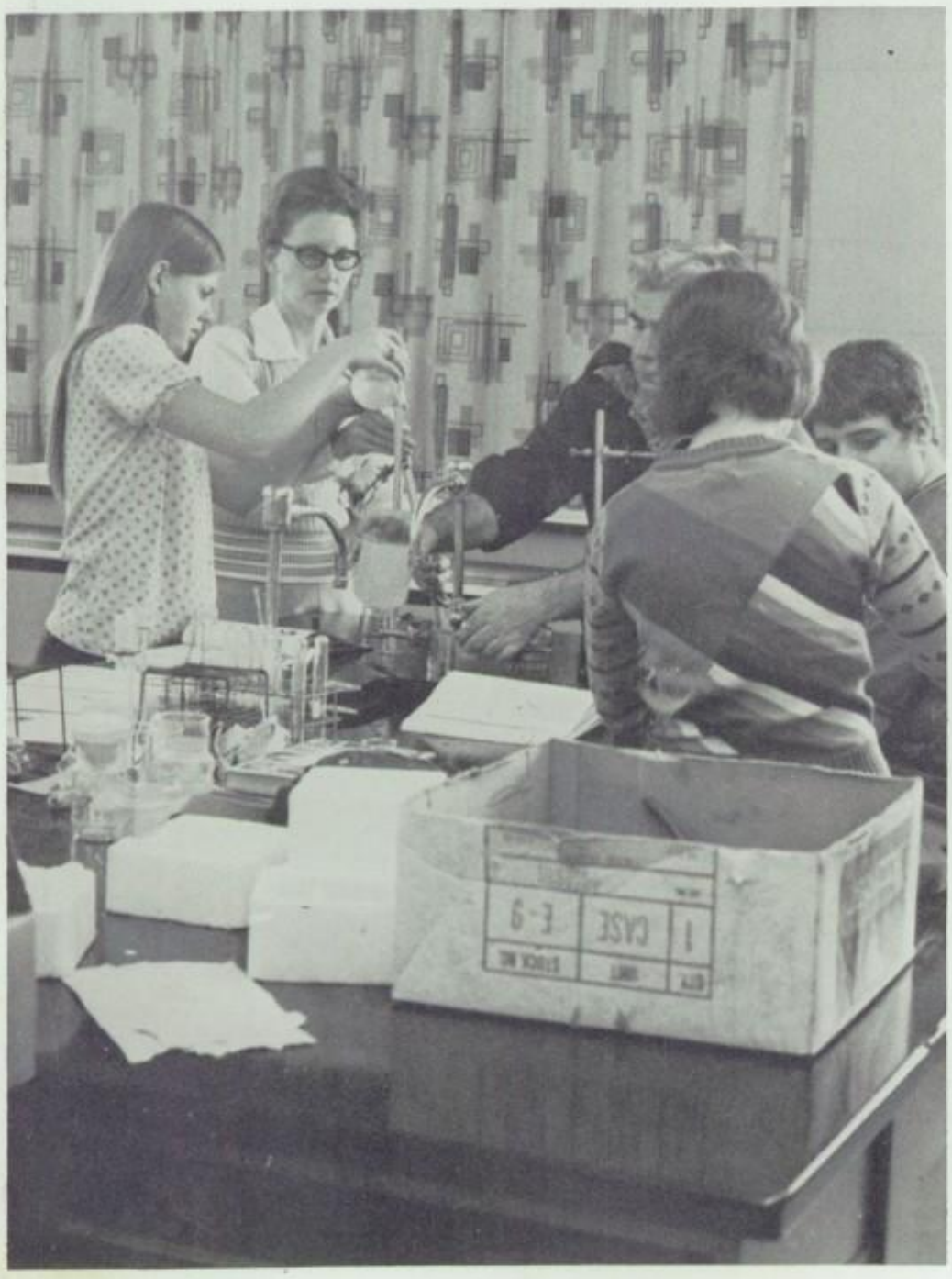
Everyone got into the action when Mr. Sell and Mr. Hancock sponsored an arm wrestling contest. The girls even got into it, showing their masculinity and great strength. The contest started on January 19, and went through to the 30th. The champions were sophomore Kathy Buckland and junior Larry Palmer.

BELOW: There aren't very many people that sleep around the Southern Wells district once October starts.



LEFT: Mike Carter, Lorrie Stoffer, Linda Ramseyer, and Sherry Howell line up for the Sadi Hawkins and Little Abner contest ABOVE: Jody Holoway and Chuck Baker struggle to see who's strongest in the arm wrestling contest. RIGHT: Mr. Roush observes his new student Mrs. Meade on Parent Swap Day.

LEFT: Dave Flaugher puts star on 13ft Christmas tree. BELOW: Sherry Howell displays her far-out outfit for the Sadie Hawkins dance.



These are just a few of those days, those special days that come along every now then, and are remembered most often. Such as the Sadie Hawkins dance, that gave us a chance to dress up like farmers and dance to the sound of "Touch of Gray". And for those couples who needed a little more excitement than dancing, the country store offered a refreshing dill pickle, while Marryin' Sam Hancock offered special low rates.

There was even a day the parents got into the action when the Student-Council sponsored a Student-Parent Swap Day. It gave the students a chance to get out of school and gave their parents a chance to see what school is like, and what their kid is doing every day.

Then there's the time of year when it seems all the trees like to wear a coat of pastel colors, put there by a few nightly visitors. This type of outer wear is commonly called T.P. 'ing.

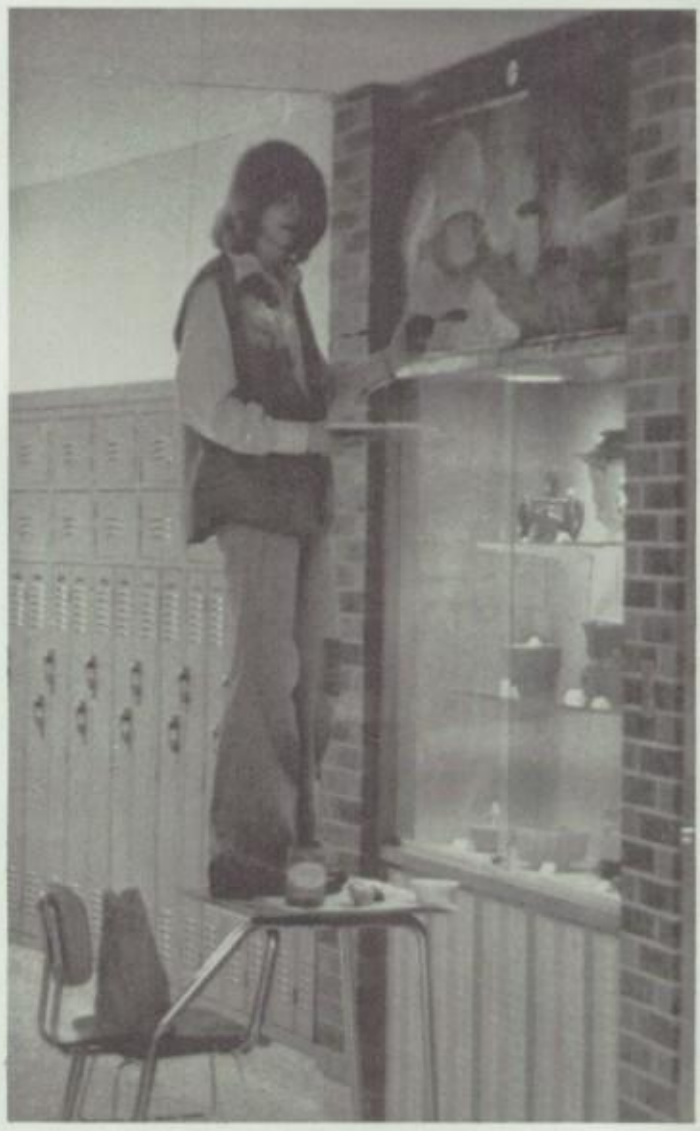
STUDENT EXPRESSION

Not all the ideas in a school are put into students' heads; some of the ideas come out of them. Southern Wells students find school a great place to express their own ideas and opinions, running the gamut with everything from sports to religion.

Whether they're showing teamwork and spirit in the bike marathon, working to earn money for the GAA or discussing the finer points of living a good life, students found lots of opportunity to express themselves in groups.

One of the least expected group expression of opinions came when the great majority of SW students staged a sit-in protesting the firing of a teacher they felt was doing an excellent job.

Individuals also found opportunity for expression. Art, home ec and other courses provided many chances for individual creativity and ideas to emerge. Many hope that the experience gained in high school of developing ideas and expressing them will continue throughout their lives.



LEFT - Sophomore Sandy Valesques takes off on her lap of the bike marathon. Her team, the Green Weenies, won the race.
ABOVE - Don Stacy works on the wall mural he plans to contribute as his senior art project.

FAR LEFT - Freshmen Joe Garrett and Bob Bower make like the Indy 500 crews in making a fast rider change. LEFT - Campus Life meetings can get pretty heavy, as shown by the serious faces of Dean Loyd, Don Beeks, Gary Pinkerton, Chuck Baker, Tammy Walburn and Bob Bower.

ABOVE - Southern Wells seamstresses show off their creativity and talent at the Home Ec Fashion Show. LEFT - You know they like you when they bring you food. And Mrs. Deborah Brown got plenty! Here she cuts the cake at her surprize birthday party given by her first period English class.

HOMECOMING

1975

With a tenth anniversary, a winning football season and a whole week for celebrating, the 1975 Homecoming promised to be the most spirited ever.

Guy and gal, frosh and senior, student and teacher alike got involved in the festivities. Each class produced a powder-puff football team. The girls chose their favorite male teacher as coach, practiced for days, and played exciting, if somewhat unorthodox, football for their cheering fans. The game ended with the sophomore-junior red team over the freshman-senior white team, 14-8.

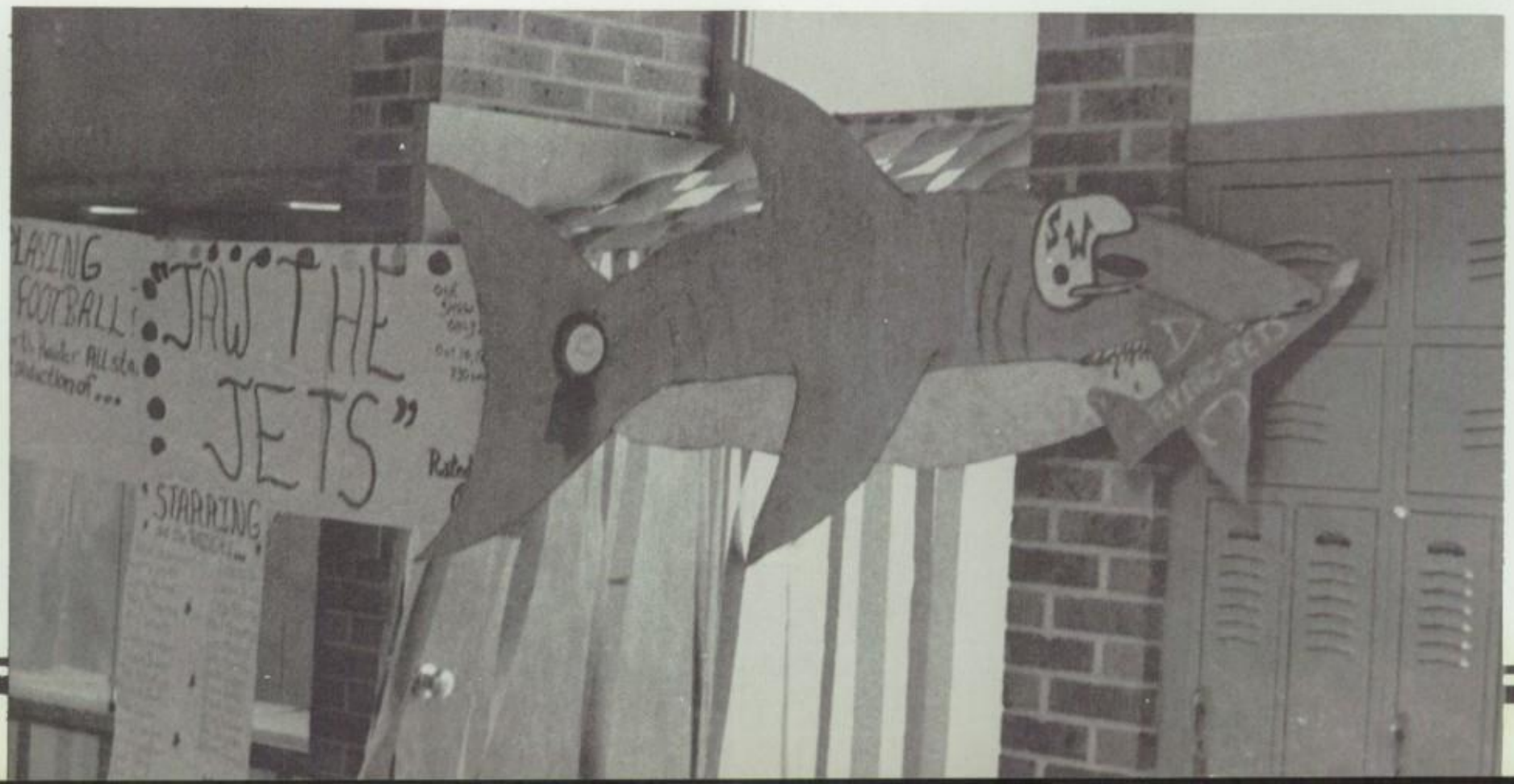
A roaring bon fire chased away the cold while SW fans crowned their king. Reigning over the '75 Homecoming was King Gary Flaugher, with Dave Oswalt, Mike Lockwood and Dave Lovell serving as his court.

Competition in the door decorating contest was keen, but Mr. Hancock's freshman shop class "chewed-up" the other contenders and "swam" away with a victory. Freshmen stayed "afloat" again when their "Jaw the Jets" took first place in the float contest.

The football team wasn't the only winner on Homecoming Night. Senior Lori Stoffer received a crown and a dozen roses after being chosen queen over court attendents Melanie Kellogg, Peggy Story and Myra Bunch.

During the 1975 Homecoming football game, Southern Wells Raiders vs the Adams Central Flying Jets, a large SW decorated the field which helped the Raiders to victory.

BELOW: Mr. Hancock's freshman shop class won the door decorating contest with this large friend "Jawing" the Jets.



King Gary & Queen Lorrie

COUNTRY MOMENTS

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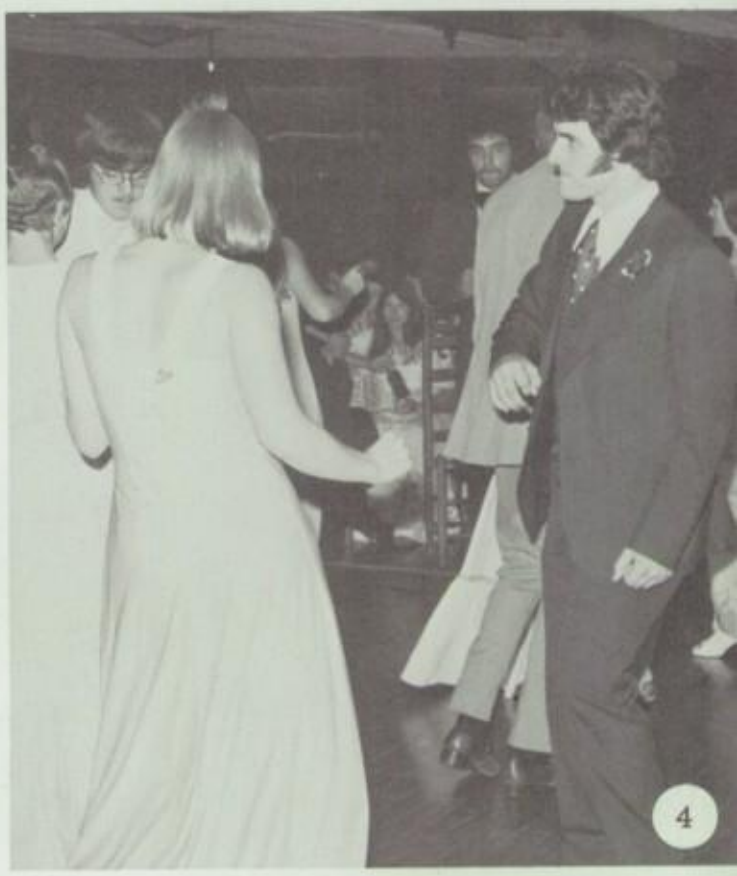

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1 Mr. and Mrs. Penrod, Karen Kershner and Neil Mowery, Bell Michael and Roxie Grimm, and other guest mill through the first loft. 2 Amy Slaughter and Ed Reinhard, Martha Habeggar, Mike Carter and his date leisurely await the evening meal. 3. Connie Leas Tyner and husband and Lorrie Stoffer and Dave Leas share a few laughs as they watch people go by. 4 Sherry Elliott and Dave Reynolds join some court members on the dance floor. 5 Zarkov, a group from Chicago, provided the evening music. 6 Home-made ice cream topped off the evening meal. Kelli Osborn, Jody Holloway and Sandy Sills enjoy the country dinner setting. 7 Mr. Stauffer and Mrs. Kreiy kept the player piano rolling. 8 While some couples enjoyed themselves on the dance floor, others were content to just sit back and enjoy the music. Cindy Meade and Rod Hartman enjoy a story while Sheryl Meade and Billy Wafford watch the dance. Bill Gerard, Dave Oswalt and their dates look on from the back. 9 Jerry Moser and his date escape from the surrounding confusion and isolate themselves in a world of dance and music.

PROM ROYALTY

The prom had climbed to full swing when junior Brian Williams called a halt to all the action. When the noisy talk and laughter on the second floor of Bear Creek Farms quieted, the '76 Prom Coronation began.

The four senior king candidates were announced and asked to come forward: Henry Lynch, cross country and track team member, active in Campus Life; Gary Flaugher, football, basketball and track team member, crowned '75 Homecoming King; Dave Lovell, senior class president, active in cross country, basketball and track teams; and Dave Oswalt, basketball and golf team member, planning to major in accounting at Manchester College.

The queen candidates were next introduced: Lorrie Stoffer, '75 Homecoming Queen; Polly McMillan, varsity cheerleader and active in girls' sports; Peggy Story, '75 Homecoming queen candidate and Student Council secretary; and Teresa Slusher, ICE member working at the Montpelier Bank.

After this introduction, the moment long waited arrived. Everyone waited impatiently as the envelopes were torn open. Dave Lovell and Peggy Story became the 1976 Prom King and Queen.

Junior Dave Falugher placed a red velvet crown trimmed in gold on Dave, who in turn placed the queen's crown on Peggy. Peggy also received a basket of roses while Dave was given a Spidel bracelet. Silver charms were given to the queen's court and Cross pens to the king's.

Queen Peggy & King Dave

ABOVE LEFT - The 1976 Prom King and Queen and court are Dave Oswalt, Henry Lynch, Gary Flaugher, Dave Lovell and Peggy Story, Lorrie Stoffer, Teresa Slusher and Polly McMillan. ABOVE RIGHT - Dave Flaugher crowns Dave Lovell as the Prom King. ABOVE - Dave Lovell crowns Peggy Story as the '76 Prom Queen. LEFT - Dave and Peggy pose before the fireplace shortly after being crowned King and Queen.

JUNIOR - SENIOR PROM

As you drove into the dusty driveway off a gravel road, a huge red barn met your eyes. Chickens clucked and goats stared curiously. Beside the barn a lighted waterfall produced soft bubbly sounds. Couples in tuxedos and flowing gowns felt slightly out of place in the country barnyard setting. This was the scene of the 1976 Junior-Senior Prom, held at Bearcreek Farms in Bryant on April 30.

Upon entering the glass-paned doors of the barn, everyone was handed silk blue program books and miniture paddles as favors. The very appropriate theme "Country Moments" was mounted above the entrance to the large room in which the evening meal was served. Old tools and antiques hanging on the wooden walls of the huge dining room, were real eye catchers. Small round tables, covered with blue and white tablecloths and highlighted with bright centerpieces of a white lighted candle surrounded by yellow and white daisies, filled the room.

When the time reached 7 p.m., Barry Story, president of the junior class, welcomed the juniors, seniors, administration and their guests with a short welcoming speech. Dave Lovell, senior class president, responded with thanks, and was followed by the invocation for the evening meal, offered by Mr. Dan Emerick.

The delicious meal was served family style to tables of six and eight. The menu, consisting of juice, tossed salad, barbecued roast beef, fried chicken, baked potatoes, corn, hot rolls and butter, homemade ice cream with spice cake and soft drinks, was thoroughly enjoyed by the 263 diners.

After the evening meal, couples dwindled out of the dining room to explore the rest of the building. A wide carpeted stairway led to a second floor furnished with cozy love seats, couches, a refreshment bar, player piano and games such as ping pong and checkers. Tempting bowls of party mix, potato chips, and huge cookies were set on tables and shelves. In this gay and relaxed atmosphere, even the administration and faculty loosened up, gathering around the player piano and singing their "oldies, but goodies."

From the second floor a narrow staircase went to the third floor which was also furnished to provide more fun and games. Glass sliding doors on the second and third floors opened to small wooden balconies overlooking the glistening waterfall beside the barn.

Later in the evening the twanging of guitars could be heard as the band warmed up. The crowd began to assemble on the first floor where tables and chairs had been cleared for dancing. The band, "Zarkov," from Chicago, provided music for the late evening dancers.

The junior and senior prom had never been held anywhere other than the school, and the juniors were anxious to see what reactions their prom would bring. Everyone seemed to enjoy the change and the long-awaited evening of "Country Moments" will be long remembered.

GRADUATION DAY

After waiting 12 years and practicing 3 hours, the Class of 1976 graduated May 23, at 8 p.m.

In a gymnasium dressed in the Bicentennial class's colors of red, white and blue, the 88 seniors met as a class for the last time. Their honor students, Valedictorian Molly Stout and Salutatorian Melanie Killogg, spoke of individualism and life to fellow classmates anxious to get out and experience both.

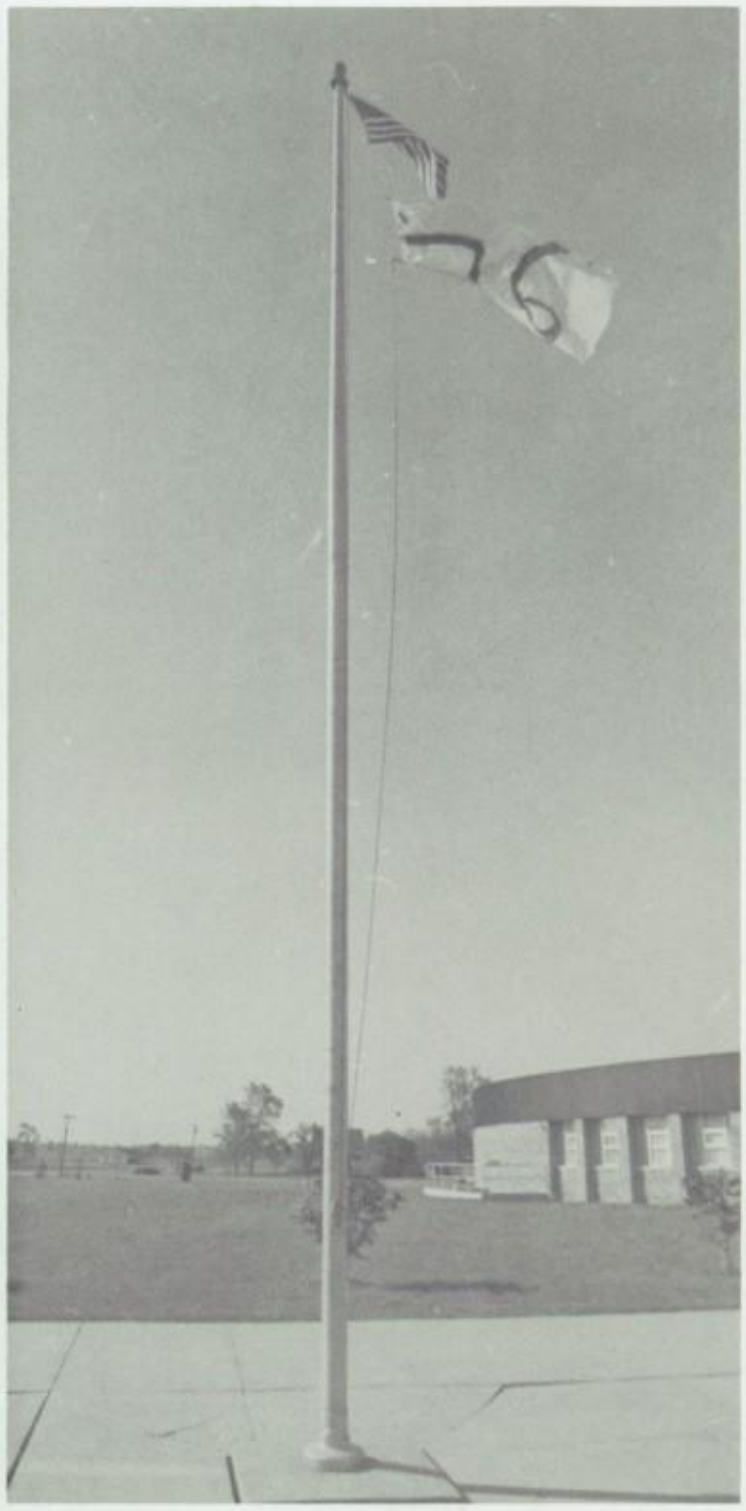
Standing below their class motto "Do not walk before me, for I may not follow; do not walk behind me for I may not lead. Just walk beside me and be my friend." the seniors received the outward symbols of graduation. Principal William Couch, also participating in his last Southern Wells commencement program, presented the awards and Bibles. Superintendent Lloyd Biberstine followed with the long-awaited presentation of diplomas.

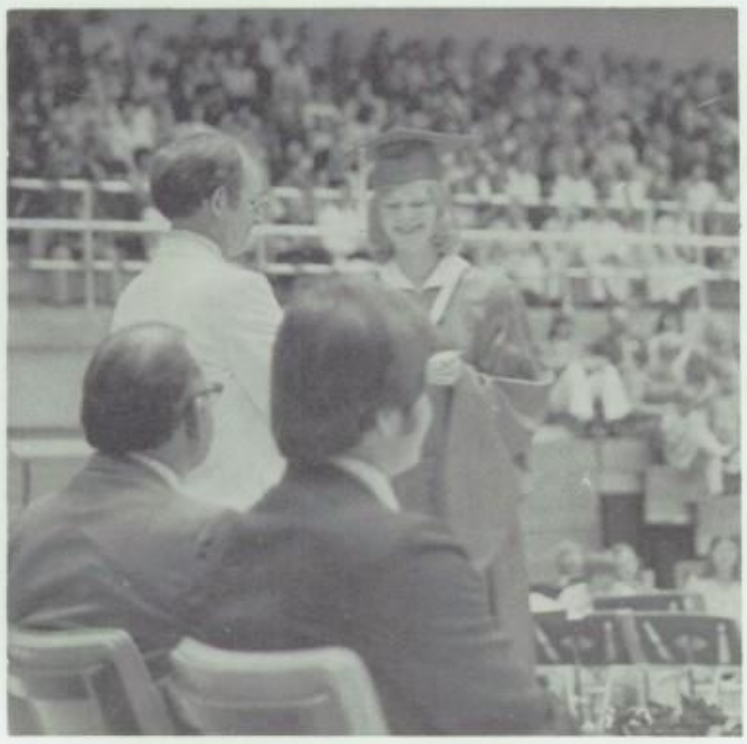
Finally, in a room illuminated only by their gleaming candles, the seniors sang their song "Where the Roads Come Together" and commenced into the real world amidst good wishes, hopes and expectations of happiness, success and love.

LEFT - While class sponsor Donna Simpson looks on, Salutatorian Melanie Kellogg receives her Bible from Pincipal William Couch. MIDDLE - Senior Sheryl Meade provides the scripture reading for the 1976 Baccalaureate and Commencement Program. RIGHT - Senior Molly Stout receives the Valedictorian Trophy for her outstanding scholastic achievement.

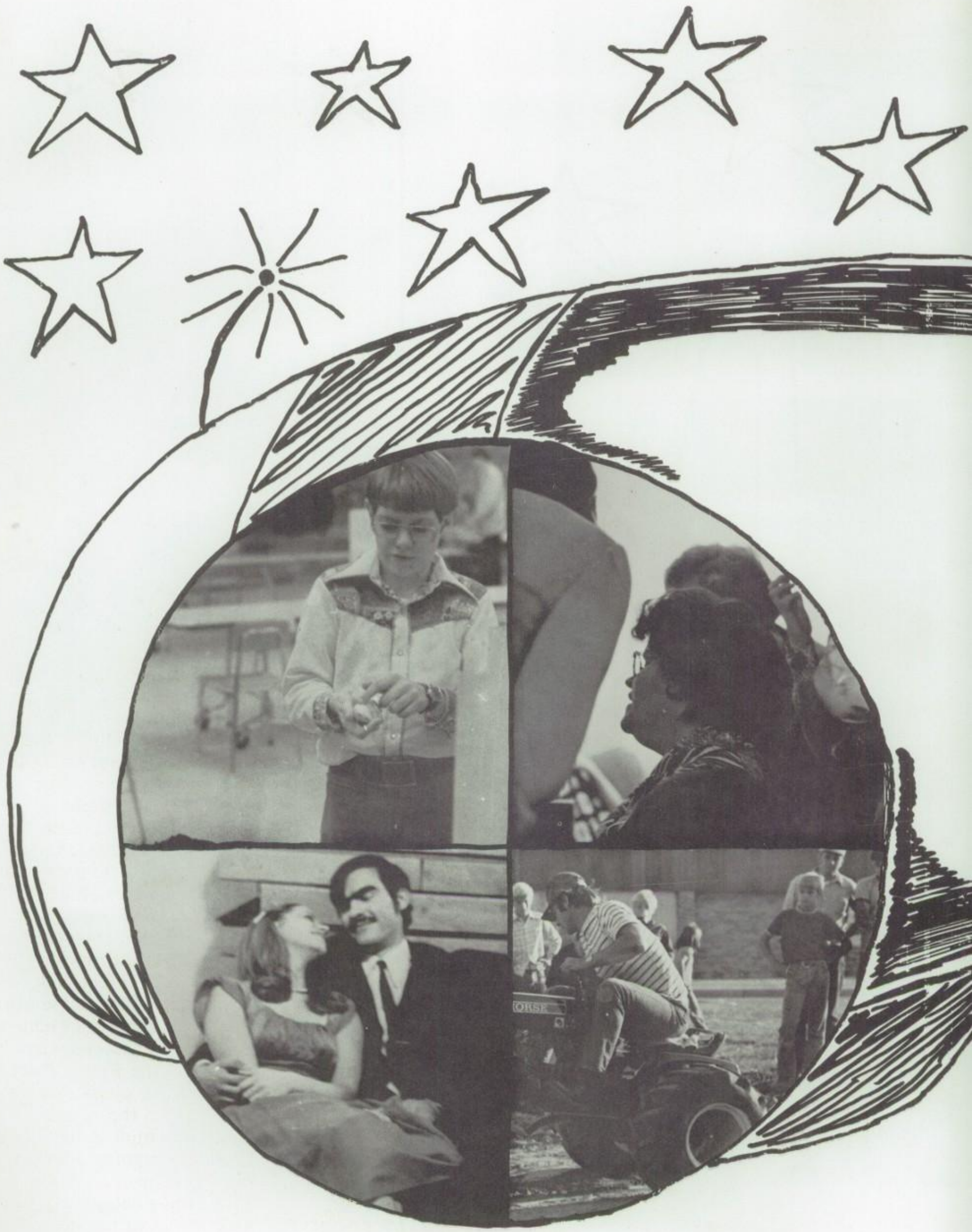
WALK BESIDE ME ... FRIEND

ABOVE - Mr. Couch presents Stan McCammon with a bible during graduation. ABOVE RIGHT - The senior class practice singing their senior song before graduation. MIDDLE RIGHT - Mrs. Lesh discusses the arrangement of the music with Mr. Maloney. RIGHT - Seniors Rick Gentis, Dave Lovell, LuAnn Nash sit patiently while Mr. Baker talks about the graduation.





TOP LEFT - Teresa Slusher wipes a tear from her face as she enters the gymnasium. MIDDLE - Mrs. Cline directs the choir while Kay Rogers prepares for a flute solo. BOTTOM - Mr. Couch awards Sherry Elliott a bible during graduation. ABOVE - A reminder of the 1976 seniors from Southern Wells High School.



A.W.O.L.*

F.F.A. . . . F.H.A. . . . Sunshine Society . . . History Club . . . Student Council . . . Valentine's Dance . . . Mardi Gras . . . Chicago Trip . . . "LIBERTY" . . . Science Fair . . .

"The many clubs and organizations offered at SW allow students to get involved in various areas of school related interests. Through clubs, students can express themselves and further develop their interests and skills." That's all fine and educational, but leaves out one key point: kids join clubs to have fun!

The various functions and activities sponsored by SW clubs give students a chance to get together with classmates and friends, without the hastles and pressures of school, and have a good time. Each club focuses on one basic subject- the Language Club studies foreign cultures; F.H.A. focuses on personal growth and home economics; F.F.A. keys on farm practices and techniques. But each organization strives for the same common goal: having a good time.

We named this section A.W.O.L. (Activities With Organized Lunacy) not because SW clubs cause students to drop out of school, or because the sponsors belong in the Funny Farm, but because clubs offer a break from the school routine (which is usually a reason for going AWOL) and because . . . well . . . sometimes things get just a little out of hand . . .

Homecoming '75: The biggest ever!

To get a head start on this year's Homecoming, Student Council began planning a series of meetings on August 26. A series of meetings solved several arguments and finalized plans.

The main argument involved who would be eligible for queen and king candidates. Some favored not allowing cheerleaders or football players to be candidates, because crowning would interfere with the football game, while others wanted to allow juniors to be king and queen candidates. Both questions were solved and the compromise seemed to suit everyone concerned.

Coronation of the king was to take place Wednesday night at a pep rally, rather than the Friday night football game, and juniors were not to be eligible for king or queen because of tradition and the fact that they would have their chance next year.

The type of dress for the occasion seemed to cause a small disagreement. Some students seemed to think that formals did not fit the atmosphere, being a football field, but after discussion, formals remained the attire for the event.

Homecoming festivities will last all week, including Monday's Powder Puff football game and Tuesday's door judging.

Class cheers, competition, coronation of the king, a snake dance and bonfire made the Homecoming pep rally one to remember.

The pep rally began with spirit cheers led by jr. varsity and varsity cheerleader. Battle cries were exchanged from class to class with the most spirit for the evening.

The Student Council displayed the spriti trophy that will be given to the winning class at the end of the week.

King and Queen candidates, a result from Tuesday's voting, were introduced and are as follows: Dave Lovell, Mike Lockwood, Dave Oswalt, Gary Flaugher, Lorrie Stoffer, Peggy Story, Myra Bunch, and Melanie Kellogg.

The king was then announced and the honor presented to Gary Flaugher. Gary was crowned and each of his court members received a gift.

The highlight of the evening was a snake dance and a bonfire. Asst. Coach Hancock led all the Raider fans in a victory snake through the school and then to the bonfire located by the baseball diamond. When the Raider football team reached the bonfire, an Adams Central Jet was thrown into the flames in effigy, to the screems of "Burn the Jets!"

Homecoming night arrived and the spirit was raging.

Float judging took place earlier in the evening and at 7 the floats began parading around the football field. The king and queen candidates and their court followed and were introduced before the crowd of Raider fans. The marching band put on a pre-game show, playing both school songs and ending with the "Star Spangled Banner."

At halftime the coronation of the queen took place with Lorrie Stoffer receiving the honor. Attendants Peggy Story, Melanie Kellogg, and Myra Bunch received charms and a single yellow rose. Lorrie received a bouquet of roses and a charm also.

Following the coronation, the float awards were announced: first prize, freshman; second prize, seniors; and third prize, eighth graders.

The freshman class also received the spirit trophy for accumulating the most points during the week.

Other halftime activities included the band's program of "Women's Lib" in honor of the queen; and the presentation of Distingquished Service award to Mr. Ed Shipley for his dedication and leadership at Southern Wells.

After winning the football game, 26-13, Southern Wells fans continued their celebration at the Homecoming Dance, featuring "Road Work".

Sophomores win with Butterfly

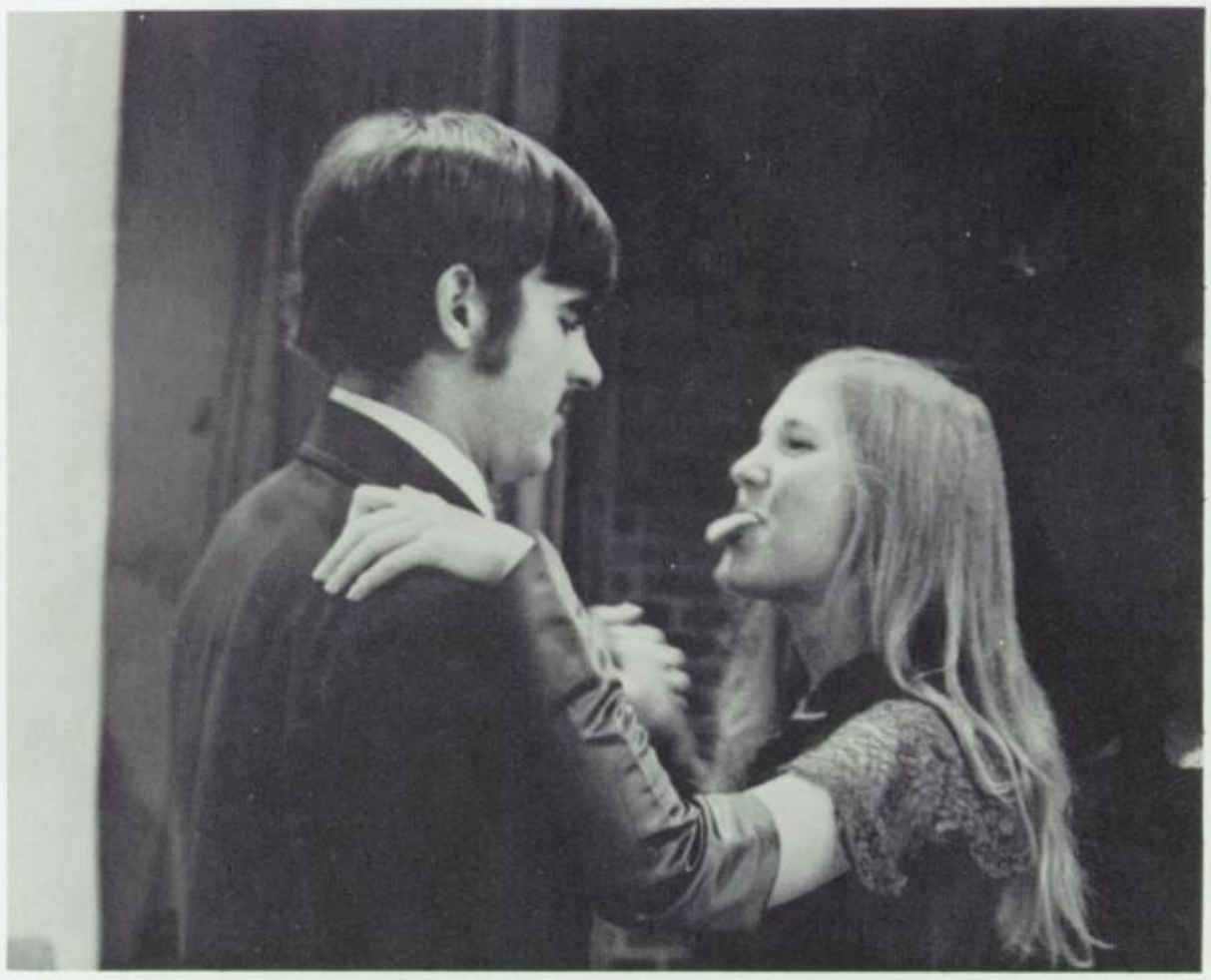
Have you ever eaten a butterfly? Four FHA girls did, but theirs was made out of dough and covered with tomato sauce and cheese!

The girls, Laurie Bonham, Brenda Slusher, Lou Ann Reinhard, and Mary Norris, were competing in a creative pizza contest at the FHA Pizza Party, Thursday, Sept. 25.

To kick off their busy year, FHA'ers gathered in the Home Ec. rooms, assembled their ingredients and set out to design their own pizza. Using boxed pizza mix, hamburger, onions, sauce and cheese, the girls shaped everything from the award winning butterfly, to hearts and people!

While the girls were devouring their pizza and sampling others', they became acquainted with the new FHA sponsor, Miss Diane Fueling.

The meeting proceeded with the election of officers. Sherry Mayer was chosen president, Gwen Leas as vice-president, Peggy Story, secretary, and Teresa Manning, treasurer. Tresa Couch was named district officer, and Mrs. Robert Mayer was selected chapter mother. Other officers elected were Jane Martin, reporter; Brenda Slusher, parliamentarian; Lorrie Stoffer and Polly McMillan, historians; Lou Ann Reinhard, public relations; and Laurie Bonham and Melanie Kellogg, recreation leaders.



Marlene Rogers competes for "The Stuck Pot", the prize for the least appealing partner at a prep school dance. The play, presented by the Drama Club in November, concerned the battle of the sexes between students of private schools. Tresa Couch, Ryan Kline, Deb Worman and Lorrie Stoffer starred, with Jody Holloway, Laura Cochran Mike Stinson and Brenda Huffman supporting.

Super Stompers place second

Coming to school at 7 a.m. to practice marching isn't easy, but the Southern Wells Super Stompers did just that. For nine straight school days they came to practice marching their routine for the Bluffton Street Fair Band Contest. Twenty hours were spent in rehearsing the marching routine over and over again on the school's parking lot.

When Wednesday, Sept. 17, finally arrived, there were a lot of nervous band members. A pep session, put on by the band, was held in the afternoon to rouse the Marching Raider fans. The entire marching band stayed after school and the Band Boosters served supper to all the members. After donning their black polished shoes, spotless white spats, and wrinkle free uniforms, the Super Stompers boarded their buses and were off to the Bluffton Street Fair.

It was an exciting night, with plenty of screaming fans, as the Marching Raiders took a best ever second place, tying with Winchester. Only one point ahead were first place winners Norwell and Bluffton, while nine points behind was third place winner Bellmont.

As one hundred and nineteen tired Marching Raiders headed toward home that evening, they knew their hours of work paid off.

FFA says, "Kansas City or bust!"

"Kansas city here we come!" November marked the month when S. W. FFA members hopped into their cars, fastened their seatbelts and were off to Kansas City for the National FFA convention.

Jay Hess, Mike Studebaker, Mike Blinn, George Stiener, and Sonny Hickey were the lucky members attending the week convention.

Attending the convention for the first time, the S. W. boys hoped to observe correct parlimentary procedures and have the opportunity to meet FFA guys from all over the country, to share the same interests and swap ideas.

The convention was held at the collisuem in Kansas City. Under the watchful eye of sponsor Steve Stauffer, the boys stayed at a Holiday Inn.

Preparing to leave for the National FFA convention are Mike Studebaker, Sonny Hickey, Mike Blinn, George Steiner, & Jay Hess.

During the course of the convention, the FFA members got a chance to hear such speakers as Cincinnati Reds catcher Johnny Bench, Vice President Nelson Rockefeller, Country western singer Tanya Tucker, and Democratic presidential candiate Jimmy Carter.

National contests were also part of the convention. Livestock judging, public speaking and Parlimentary procedures were among the contests which S. W. didn't participate in, but observed for use later in our own area.

Some of the sights the FFAers took in while on their trip included visits to the Truman Library, Lincoln's birth place, and Samual Clemen's home. Chile Coffee was another place of interest, where the boys visited the world's largest Charlais ranch and also the Agriculture Hall of Fame in Kansas.

SSS clears $2000 in candy sales

During the annual Sunshine candy sales in November and December the Sunshine girls, under the direction of Mrs. Brown cleared over $2,000.

Top winners in the sales were Tammy Grover, Myra Bunch and Debbie Price.

In previous candy sales, money was raised to buy an organ and to donate to needy people or organizations.

This year's money will be saved for future investment of an activities board for the school.

FFA sponsors tractor pull

"Start you're engines boys" was the last thing heard. Engines roared and gravel flew as area garden tractor jockeys competed in a Garden Tractor pulling contest sponsored by the SW FFA boys.

"This was the first year that SW has ever held a contest like this, or of any kind," said Gary Story, spokesman for the FFA group.

There were two weight classes with a first, second and third place trophy for each division.

The Future Farmers organized the pull to create interest in the FFA organization and "To have a good time."

The FFA sponsored this contest as a trial run for years to come in hopes that it will become an annual fall event.

Taught 43 years

Kathryn Foy retires from ICE program

For the past 10 years, Mrs. Kathryn Foy has been vocational coordinator of ICE (Interdisciplinary Co-operative Education) at Southern Wells. She has announced she will retire at the end of the 75-76 school year.

During Mrs. Foy's ten years as coordinator, 255 students have participated in vocational programs and more than 100 different businesses have served as co-operators in giving students an experience in the world of work.

Sherry Mayer experiences taking notes for her employer at the Edris Edris and Dale Law office.

Mrs. Foy graduated from Ball State University in 1933 with an AB degree in business education and although it was not required, she returned to Ball State in 1966 to earn a masters degree.

Steve Barkdull, a teacher in the Southern Wells system is the ICE instructor while Mrs. Foy, who has been working part-time this year, serves as coordinator of the program.

Mr. Barkdull teaches the ICE related class at school and various typing courses. Next year he will take Mrs. Foy's place as coordinator.

The 39 students currently enrolled in the ICE program are employed in jobs which fall under six classifications, including office, health, agri-business, trades and industry, home economics related, and distributive education occupations.

ICE students and their places of employment are: LuAnn Nash, Randy Woten, Roland James and Brenda Huffman, Caylor-Nickel Clinic; Jack Blair, Lisa Pernell and Sandy Sills, Paul Ludwig Inc.; Rhonda James, Warren Methodist Memorial Home; Becky Ramseyer, Cooper Rest Home.

Clint Conwell, Hethcote's Service Station, Warren; Teresa Manning, Myers Grain Equipment Co. in Petroleum; Sherry Mayer, Edris, Edris and Dale; Kim Murray, Farmers and Merchants Bank; Teresa Slusher, Bank of Montpelier.

Clif Conwell, Incel Corporation; Duane Ford, County Highway Department; Terry Ivins, Hiday Motors Inc.; Dave Lovell, Eckman Motors Inc.; Mike Studebaker, J&B Chevrolet, Montpelier.

Doug Anderson, Gene Anderson farm; Mike Blinn, Steffen John Deere; Carl Craig, Harold Grimm farm; Garrett Hamilton, Lieurance Angus farm; Rick King, Wayne Reef farm; Terry McElhaney, Eckman Implement; George Steiner, Floyd Steiner farm, and Rod Stinson, Jerry Arnold farm.

Randy Woten learns to operate traction equipment at the Clinic.

Students out for Swap Day

Parents come back to school

Parents and past-graduates found answers to various subjects firsthand during the Swap Day at Southern Wells.

Swap Day was developed by the Student Council and put into effect in November. The purpose of the day was to inform and familiarize adults with a normal school day and it's operation. The percentage of adults and students that participated was approximately 16% or 100-125 students.

Classes were conducted in the usual manner. During study halls, conferences with the administration were held in the cafeteria. Various topics were discussed such as smoking, gum chewing, classroom situations, course subjects, lunches, and drug problems.

Some adults felt the school situation was phoney, while others were amazed that teachers did not let up and were still demanding.

Smoking problems were a major topic of discussion. Mr. Couch was asked by a parent as to why smoking still goes on, even though it is illegal. The reply was that the administration isn't ignorning the problem, but is trying to curtail it.

ABOVE- Diane Klefeker anxiously awaits Mr. Jesse Roger's response to his participation in the Parent Swap Day. Mr. Rogers was taking Kay's Rogers place for the day.

Language club celebrates Mardi Gras with party

Mardi Gras, translated as "Fat Tuesday", is a French holiday which comes before a day of fasting. You would expect a lot of eating to be done on such a holiday in order to make it through the next day. To live up to it's name (and to help celebrants through the next day's fast) a lot of eating gets done at Mardi Gras.

This is exactly what the Language Club did at their Mardi Gras celebration. The party was held at Sara Helms' home on March 1, and food seemed to be the main attraction.

To add to the fun the nine members present came, as tradition dictates, dressed in costumes ranging from gypsy garbs to a baseball uniform.

No glass slipper left behind

In the spirit of Valentine's Day, the FFA, FHA, and SSS joined to sponsor their "Love Will Keep Us Together" dance.

Dressed in formal attire, beautiful girls and their escorts gathered at 8 p.m., Feb. 21, to dance to "A Touch of Grey".

Decorations were provided by the Sunshine Society and FHA. The tables were covered with white paper and highlighted with red place mats promoting the theme of the dance, while red candles flickered gently creating a romantic atmosphere. The openings between the pillars of the cafetorium were accented with red, white, and pink streamers twisted from ceiling to floor. Bright red cupids dangled from the dome of the cafetorium adding another touch towards the mood of the evening.

Amidst the romantic decorations, the couples refreshed on fancy cookies, butter mints, nuts, and punch.

The music faded at 11 pm, and sorry to say, not one glass slipper was left behind.

Srs. help teach in Cadet program

This year Southern Wells has a new type of class for seniors called Cadets, organized and operated by Mrs. Tinkel.

The cadet program is designed to provide an experience for a senior student where he or she can use and apply acquired skills.

Students are assigned to a teacher daily for a two hour time period. During these two hours students are given tasks which are of educational value, and which are useful to the teacher or the school. Cadets this year helped the Library, the Health Clinic the athletic program and P. E. courses, as well as helping teachers type tests record grades and control study halls.

To enter the cadet program, a senior student and the teacher he will work with first develop a set of goals and objectives for their program. The student is later evaluated by the objectives developed.

The cadet student must observe all regular school rules and take the responsibility of completing any requested forms and returning them to the office.

The student is graded on his work by the system of the teacher's choice.

At the end of the grading period the team holds a conference to evaluate progress on their goals. Also the teacher writes a paragraph outlining the students growth and progress to be given to Mrs. Tinkle and the cadet.

The program offers one credit for each semester passed. Those working with the new cadets hope the program provides a valuable and enjoyable learning experience for the student, as well as needed assistance for the school.

FFA "de-pests" community
Srs. take first in pest contest

ABOVE- FFA "exterminator" Jeff Blinn proudly displays one of his prize trophies during the pest control contest.

"All the King's horses and all the King's men, couldn't put the rodents back together again." That's how things looked after the FFA had completed their pest control in December.

The purpose of the contest was to rid the SW school district of pests that have been infesting the area.

The competitive part of the contest was between classes; freshmen through seniors. Each class tried to kill the most pests.

The seniors placed 1st, winning a $20 cash prize. The freshmen took a close second place, picking up a nice $10 cash prize. The money was used toward an FFA party.

Kay Rogers named FFA Sweetheart

Kay Rogers became the new FFA Sweetheart after the annual contest in late February. Contestants Lorrie Stoffer, Sherry Elliott, Melanie Kellogg, Polly McMillan, Jenina Mertz, and Kay Rogers competed in the three events.

The contest events consisted of interviews with judges Mr. Barkdull, Mr. Bushong, and Mrs. Hotopp; a talent demonstration, and a surprise question.

As the 1975-76 FFA Sweetheart, Kay received one dozen red roses and a charm bracelet. Second runner-up Lorrie Stoffer and first runner-up Sherry Elliott both received red carnations.

Kay later represented the Southern Wells FFA in the district Sweetheart contest, where she received 2nd runner-up.

Sunshine Society hosts Ideal Ladies

Like to receive cards and gifts from a secret admirer? Sunshine girls figure everyone does, and they make sure their Ideal Ladies get plenty.

An Ideal Lady is a woman from the school or community chosen by the Sunshine girl as someone she most admires. A letter of introduction, minus name of course, is sent by the Sunshine girl at the beginning of the school year, and throughout the year the girls remember their Ladies with Christmas gifts, Valentines, Easter eggs and whatever else they think she might like. Although knowing her Sunshine girl only by a number, the Ideal Lady can also send gifts through club sponsor Mrs. Donna Simpson.

Traditionally, an end-of-year banquet is held to reveal the secret identities of the Sunshine girl. On May 4, the girls prepared a dessert smorgasbord for the occasion. A gift exchange, as well as quest speaker Sue Blair, highlighted the evening.

Band holds fish fry

Hard work and lots of planning aren't much fun, but an $850 profit can make it all worthwhile.

That's how much money the band made at this year's annual Fish and Tenderloin Supper, March 12.

The money raised will go toward instruments and uniforms.

Employers entertained ICE holds appreciation dinner

Members of the Southern Wells High School ICE class entertained their employers at the ninth annual Employer/Employee Appreciation Banquet at the Dutch Mill, Wednesday, April 14.

Highlighting the evening was a special surprise given to coordinator of the program, Mrs. (Kathryn) Foy, who will be retiring at the end of the 1976 school year.

Mrs. Foy was presented with a surprise gift from members of this year's ICE class and received special words of credit from Principal William Couch.

"Mrs. Foy has done this community a tremendous service, and we wish her the very best in her new ventures" Couch said in praise.

Couch served as master of ceremonies for the banquet, while Teresa Slusher introduced special guests Sally Tinkle, Edwin Shipley, Richard Foy, and Steve Barkdull, all teachers of the S. W. system.

Introduction of the students and their employers was by Teresa Manning, with each student presenting his employer a plaque of appreciation.

Mrs. Foy presented individual plaques to Sherry Mayer, who is employed in the Edris, Edris and Dale law office, and Randy Woten, a part-time employee at Caylor-Nickel Clinic, as the out-standing girl and boy student for the year.

Receiving special recognition were the Farmers and Merchants Bank and Caylor-Nickel Clinic for being participants in the ICE program since its inception.

Polly McMillian, Amy Slaughter and Rhonda Neff dip fish into batter for the annual fish fry.

Includes Bicentennial medley

Spring Gala features singers

"I'm On My Way to the Freedom Land" sparked the Southern Wells Singers' Long-awaited performance during the Spring Gala, May 2, 1976.

The Singers began with modern day numbers, "Laughter in the Rain" and "You Will Be My Music" and then gradually took the audience back to the actual events of the beginning of America.

"Twentiana", a medley of such songs as "I Want to Be Happy", "Charleston", "Tea for Two", etc. . . followed and gave a great note for the old barbershop quartet to begin.

The girls barbershop or (beauty shop) consisted of seniors, Kay Rogers, Gwen Leas, Melanie Kellogg, and Polly McMillan. They opened the era with a grand song, "When You Wore a Tulip." The song soon ended, but in a grand key of harmony.

Following that lively performance, the total Singer group reappeared on stage to present "In the Year A.D.", from the musical show "Let George Do It". They took the audience back to 1773 and the Boston Tea Party!

The grand finale followed with the Singers performing the musical number, "Freedom" and "This is a Great Country". White hats were used along with special costumes for the event. The guys were suited in red and white striped vests and the girls in red and white striped aprons, The performance ended with a display of the American flag and the lyrics, "Long May She Wave, Proud May She Wave, Ore the home of the free and the brave"

Junior High gets new record board from Running Club

It was the evening of March 2, 1976, the night of the basketball sectional game between the S.W. Raiders and the Bluffton Tigers. Like many other Raider fans the Running Club started toward South Adams High School, only the Running Club was traveling the way they knew best, which is none other than running.

The Running Club did not run the distance of twenty-one miles for pure pleasure. There were two reasons for their long run. One reason was to show support for the basketball team and the other was to make money.

The Running Club collected a total of $150 running to South Adams amidst heavy rain and hailstones. The money collected from the run was spent on a track record board for the Junior High.

FFA Slave Sale and basketball game finally held

Delayed twice because of the weather, the FFA finally held the Teacher-FFA basketball game and Slave auction, in March.

The Future Farmers were defeated by the Teachers with a final score of 56-67. Disgusted by the results were coaches Rick Gentis and Mike Blinn who received technicals for saying naughty words.

A better turn came for the FFA members, when the slave auction went over as a smashing success. Approximately 64 members, varying in shape size, and age, participated in the auction. Auctioneers, Chuck Lee and Joe Jacobs, auctioned the members off to various residents and farmers to perform odd jobs.

The lowest amount paid for a slave was $5 for an entire eight hour day and the highest priced slave, Mike Carter, went for a big $40 for an eight hour day.

Some of the work slaves did included cleaning sticks and logs out of woods, hauling manure, washing dishes, driving tractor, and painting buildings.

President Howard Hogston said that the slave auction is probably the biggest money making event of the whole year for the FFA Chapter here at Southern Wells.

The income from the auction will go for buying awards for members and also for donations to various charitys.

Liberty makes Bicentennial drama debute

The 1976 Bicentennial year has been making some rather surprising changes in traditional things at SW.

The large awards board in the gymnasium was a new addition to an old sport. History classes spent a little more time on the revolutionary war and the Declaration of Independance. The SW choir and Singers changed their annual Spring Gala concert to a salute to the '76 celebration, and perhaps the most surprising change of all was the combination of the Drama Club and History Club in their effort to present the Spring play "Liberty".

What's so unsual about that? Very simple. First, it's the first time the drama club has ever joined with any one before to put on a production. But perhaps most unusual is that LIBERTY is the first musical ever to be presented by the club.

The main jest of the play was about the Liberty Players, a drama group started in the early years of our country. Each scene shows an important part in history, and it ends with the audience singing, "God Bless America".

Cast members include Ryan Kline, Jody Holloway, Tammy Grover, Jay Dollier, Kris Ramseyer, Kathy Oswalt and Linda Wrestler. Also included are Molly Stout, Don Langel, Tim Langel, and Jeanette Surfus as well as Carol Conwell, Nicki Michaud, Kammy Smith, Martha Habbegar, Marlene Rogers and Amy Slaughter.

Jody Holloway & Ryan Kline on stage in "Liberty!"

Kammy Smith played piano accompanyment to a chorus of Martha Habbegar, Linda Wrestler, Amy Slaughter and Kay Rogers.

"Up With People" visits area

"Up With People" is an organization made up of students between the ages of 17 and 25. These students are interviewed and chosen among many applicants all over the world. Last year, the recorded number of applicants was approximately 10,000.

The purpose of "Up With People" is to promote unity and love among people all over the world. The students involved plan to reach this goal through the universal language of music.

These students travel all over the world and take college courses while on the road. They are required to pay a tuition of $900 which is near the same amount for one year of college.

Wells County was honored to present "Up With People" April 25. Not only were these students present in our county, but in our own area. Mr. and Mrs. Don Ruble kept two members of the group, and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Neff and Mr. and Mrs. Galen Shultz each kept one.

Dessert becomes banquet

FHA honors Ideal Homemaker

A unanamous vote was taken to make this year's Ideal Homemaker event a banquet. In previous years it had been given the title "Ideal Homemaker's Dessert", and now has been converted to a carry-in dinner.

FHA members were responsible for the meal and were classified according to grade levels as follows: senior members - desserts, sophomores-and juniors-vegetables, and freshmen-salads. Meat and rolls and beverage were provided by the FHA fund.

The banquet began at 6:30 p.m., April 20 and was followed by an introduction of all Ideal Homemakers and mothers present. Mrs. Pat Bowdell, former FHA sponsor and Home Economics teacher, was present as the honored guest. She received a corsage and a hanging plant for being chosen Ideal Homemaker of the year.

Entertainment for the evening followed and was provided by the Southern Wells Singers.

Band present Spring Concert

It was a cold, rainy Sunday on April 25, at 3 p.m. when the tune of "Aura Lee" filled the cafetorium and the Spring Band Concert got under way. The band performing was the Elementary Band.

The Junior High Band was next on the program, with "Cital March," "William Tell Overture," and "Grand Finale." The audience got a preview of what the Marching Raiders would sound like this summer when they heard the songs "Whip Lash," "Mississippi Mud," and the old favorite "Rock Around the Clock."

The program concluded with the High School Band entertaining everyone with the selections of "Three Sketches," "I Honestly Love You," and "Distant Hills."

Band gives awards at annual banquet

Clutz of the year? Hot Lips? Intrasectional communicator? Forked Tonguer? Whole in the head? Sleezy Slimy?

They might not sound like winners, but these were among the batch of awards announced at the annual Band Banquet, April 28, 76.

The banquet began with a pot luck supper at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Following the supper, Mr. Maloney gave his annual comical awards along with the more serious. The senior members were honored as were other award winning members.

All band members, pom pons, and flag corp were invited to attend, as well as their parents.

Arts flourish

Tri Kappa and Choir combine Sunday showing

May 2, '76 will be a double treat for all the SW patriots who enjoy Sunday afternoon outings socializing with their neighbors.

One is the Tri Kappa Art Show starting at 1:00 in the high school, and second is the annual Spring Gala choir concert.

This is the first year the Tri Kappa show has ever been held at SW and everyone is busy arranging and planning the day. Mr. Baker is in charge of getting the art students on the ball with their projects. Students are now matting pictures, framing paintings and cleaning up other works they've done during the year. The show looks like it will a very promising event.

Also the same day, at 3:00 in the cafeteria, the high school choir and SW Singers will give the Spring Gala Concert. The decorations have been started and the theme has been chosen to honor the Bicentennial year. The songs picked out by Mrs. Cline also show the revolutionary spirit.

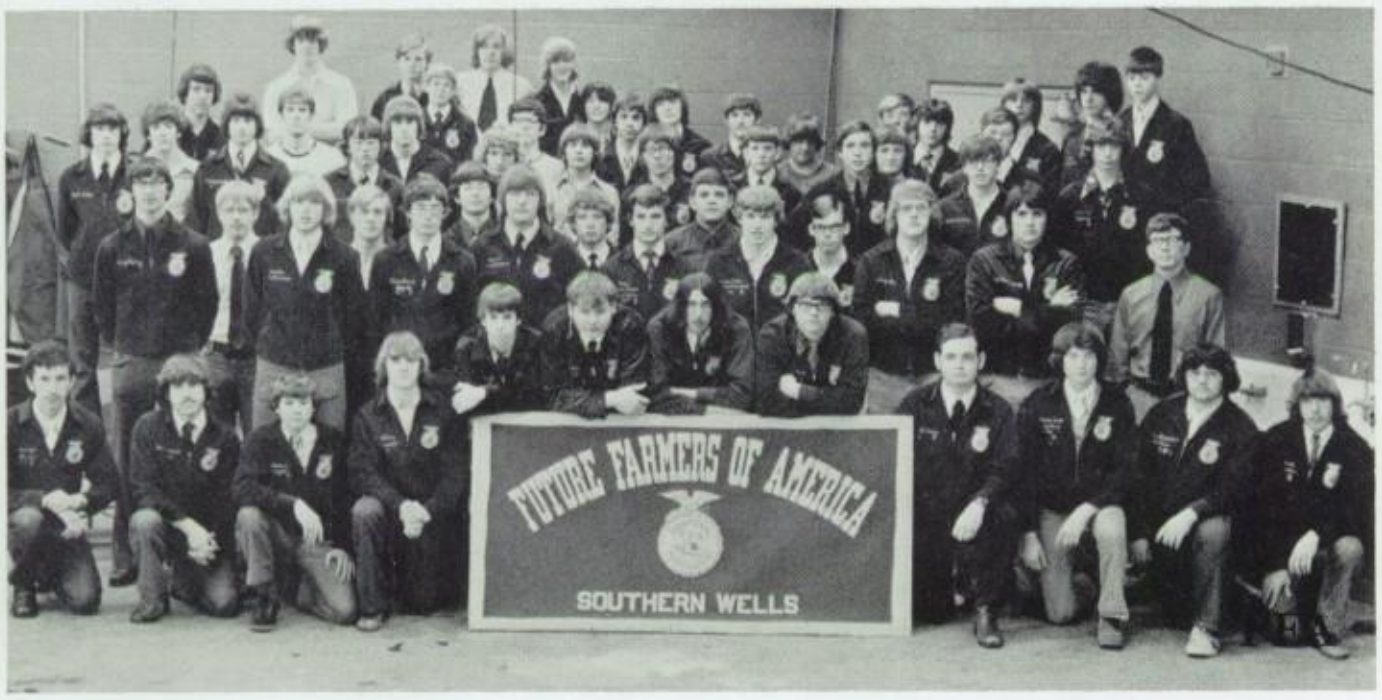
CONCESSIONS CLUB- FIRST ROW: Gary Smith, John Penrod, Curt Meyer, Bryan Couch, Chris Smith, Sherry Ivins, Pam Osborn, Mr. Fritts. SECOND ROW: Mike King, Ed Herman, Chris Killingbeck, Terry Ivins, Randy Carson, Mike Stinson. SCIENCE CLUB- Mr. Bushong, Kathy Oswalt, Laura Cochran, Deb Worman, Skip Katte, Henry Lynch, Jackie Jensen, Molly Stout, Mr. Sell.

Concessions

Cadets

CADETS- FIRST ROW: Kay Rogers, Roberta Westfall, Henry Lynch, Sherry Howell, Vicki Harshman, Darlene Bates, Don Stacy, Becky Swartz, Gwen Leas. SECOND ROW: Shirley Velasquez, Connie Tyner, Cindy Herring, Sheri Meade, Jane Martin, Polly McMillan, Peggy Story, Dave Oswalt, Jackie Jensen, Lorris Stoffer. THIRD ROW: Mike Carter, Gary Flaugher, J.D. Hess, Skip Katte, Steve Gearheart.

FFA- FIRST ROW: George Steiner, Ed Reinhard, Howard Hogston, Gary Story, Alan Harshman, Jay Tucker, Jeff Blinn, Kevin King, J.D. Hess, Duane Scott, Mike Studebaker, Garrett Hamilton, SECOND ROW: Larry Rains, Charlie Nestleroad, Mike Blinn, Darrell Nusbaumer, Phil Schortgen, Mike Carter, Bill Gerard, Skip Katte, Terry McElhaney, Mr. Steven Stauffer, THIRD ROW: Rod Sills, Ted Habegger, Roger Mills, Mark Shideler, Jack Capper, Dennis Lockwood, Jeff Ramseyer, Rod Perry. FOURTH ROW: Rod Meyer, Chris Foltz, Dave Walsh, Jeff Anderson, Marty McDaniel, Scott Mossburg, Robert Kilander, Gary King, Howard Benefiel, Sonny Kickey. FIFTH ROW: Brian Roush, Jeff Oswalt, Jeff Craig, Rob Pease, Tom Huffman, Tim Gregg, Doug Klefeker, John Mossburg, Mike Maddox, Jeff Prible. SIXTH ROW: Vic Lusher, Keith Bumbarner, Joey Bradley, Tracy Gentis, Greg Pace, Mike Bower, Mel Shideler, Dave Collins, Phil Roush.



CLUBS

Language Club- Roberta Westfall, Linda Ramseyer, Kathy Dollier, Bryan Couch, Becky Richardson, Sherry Howell, Mike Stinson, Alice Graham, Molly Stout, Ms. Bobbitt, Kelli Shultz, Jon Elliott, Nancy Blinn, Sara Helms, Chuck Towns, Jay Dollier, Debbie Price.

Senior High Choir

Singers

Junior High Choir

SENIOR HIGH CHOIR
ROW 1: Trudy Smith, Diana Klefeker, Ann Slaughter, Debbie Wales, Tami Mason, Kelli Osborn, Ernie Harris, Tracy Gentis, Gary Pinkerton, Brian Reaser, Mark Penrod, Brian Cassidy, Scott Mossburg, Nicki Michaud, Candy Hale, Kim Lowell, JoAnn Lane, Melody Fritz, Brenda Slusher, Kathy Buckland, Brenda Twibell.
ROW 2: Brenda Michael, Glenda Monce, Kelli Shultze, Evelyn McCoin, Jean Wales, Tom Hartman, Bryan Couch, Dean Lloyd, Don Bennett, Greg Stroud, Ron Bennett, Bill Smith, Cindy Daugherty, Kelly Patterson, Susan Daugherty, Diann Melick, Liz Bennett, Ann Nunley, Mrs. Cline.
ROW 3: Linda Ramseyer, Cinda Pinkerton, Betty Vaughn, Laurie George, Cammy Smith, Evonne Walters, Sherry Bradley, Robert Kilander, Rick Davis, Randy Lain, Keith Stroud, Mike Blair, Sid Rose, Chuck Grabner, Larry Palmer, Amy Slaughter, Connie Miller, Jacque Chocran, Nancy Leas, Sherry Ivins, Laura Pinkerton, Karen Buckland, Cathe Carnes.
ROW 4: Malia Lancaster, Stephanie Helms, Karen Kershner, Debra Pinkerton, Deanna Duncan, Toni Norris, Jody Bryant, Don Lloyd, Mike Stinson, Barry Story, Tom Gentis, Bill Michael, Gary Story, Larry Smith, Chuck Baker, Kathy Meyer, Lea Ann Rogers, Gwen Leas, Melanie Kellogg, Polly McMillan, Tresa Couch, Laurie Bonham, Kathy Oswalt, Roxie Grimm, Kammy Smith, Carlene Carnes.
ROW 5: Kay Rogers, Jenina Mertz, Sherri Herring, Rhonda Neff, Jill Hamilton, Sheryl Hockenberry, Kevin McDonald, Dennis Lockwood, Tim Gregg, Bob Bower, Greg Pace, John Tarr, Mark Shidler, Mitch Davis, Jonea Tucker, Sherry Howell, Roberta Westfall, Shari Cale, Leanna Robbins, Marlene Rogers, Martha Habegger, Cindy Blair, Brenda Graves, Linda Schwartz.
ROW 6: Vicky Monce, Linda Wrestler, Cheryl, Harris, Brenda Banter, Shannon Elliott, Delores Davis, Barb Miller, Mary Norris, Dave Collins, Andy Zehner, Dave Lovell, Bruce Ruble, Larry Rains, Vic Lusher, Tim Geisel, Larry Couch, Dana Harris, Teresa Penrod, Liz Cole, Debbie Perry, Cherry McMillian, Delora Scott, Tammy Grover, Kim Christianson, Joy Herman.

SINGERS
ROW 1: Tom Gentis, Kim Lovell, Kelli Osborn, Gary Pinkerton, Kevin McDonald, Dave Lovell, Sherry Bradley, Brian Reaser.
ROW 2: Larry Palmer, Cammy Smith, Karen Kershner, Gary Story, Andy Zehner, Kris Shultz, Cherry McMillian.
ROW 3: Kay Rogers, Barry Story, Gwen Leas, Larry Smith, Jody Bryant, Chuck Baker.
ROW 4: Dennis Lockwood, Amy Slaughter, Vic Lusher, Polly McMillian, Larry Rains, Kammy Smith, Martha Habegger, Don Lloyd.
ROW 5: Tim Geisel, Bruce Ruble, Melanie Kellogg, Teresa Couch.

JUNIOR HIGH CHOIR
ROW 1: Jodi Kendall, Diana Bower, Debbie Hinson, Manda Smith, Babette Osborn, Sarah Langel, Mark Thomas, Mark Garrett, Mike Metler, Jeff Fuller, Lawrence Frantz, Jerry Wafford, Sam Towns, Pat Carter, Greg Johnson, Debbie Bates, Lori Elliott, Lynn Pernell, Teresa Baughman, Connie Davis, Ruth Davis, Lexi Capper.
ROW 2: Becky Roop, Sherri Foreman, Bobbie Sutton, Vicky Dole, John Penrod, Brad Bryant, Dan Pace, Eugene Boyer, Rodney Reaser, Curt Meyer, Donn Boots, Brian Huffman, Brian Dollier, Lori Dumpert, Robin Smith, Cindy Hicks, Sandra Gearheart, Sheryl Price, Mellanie McEvoy, Becky Quinton.
ROW 3: Mrs. Cline, Teresa Sharpe, Karen Boots, Joanne Jenen, Kathy Osborn, Susan Slentz, Ken Showalter, Brad Snow, Tom Reinhard, Jeff Love, Nathan Stout, Bob Monce, Dennis Leas, Ronn McCune, Steve Smith, Lisa Blinn, Kelli Christianson, Jeanette Claghorn, Rita Alford, Jackie Monce, Pam Schadt, Shelia Smith
ROW 4: Kelli Clark, Beth Herring, Vickie Walden, Teresa Herring, Kelli Simon, Susan Bennett, Jill Flaugher, Craig Lieurance, Richard Chaffins, Jim Habegger, Fred Miller, Jack Jones, Scott Carroll, Tim Blair, Earl Ewart, Jerry Pursifill, Pam Markle, Kim Okey, Kathy Burnsworth, Ballard, Pam Osborn, Sherri Ogle, Debbie Brinneman, Lindsey Minniear.
ROW 5: Diane Schmidt, Rhonda Jones, Celinda Lucky, Lisa Miller, Vicki Ramseyer, Rhonda Lusher, Brenda Holloway, Greg Pinkerton, Steve Davidson, Gary Smith, Jerry Fisher, David Wallace, Jeff Myers, Tim Wallace, Greg Love, Todd Bunch, Bill Bonham, JoAnn Craig, Dawn Maddox, Shirley Neff, Marilyn Hamilton, Christine Betts, Rose Piqune, Elaine Carnes.
ROW 6: Elveda Gonzlaz, Susan Simpson, Teresa Friar, Amy Grabner, Diana Scott, Linda Couch, Jane Crago, Toni Ivins, Jerry Kipfer, Mark Melick, Randy Lane, Jeff Geisel, Jeff Stroup, Chris Killingback, Jay Holloway, Reggie Hayes, Kevin Roush, Richard Wafford, Kelly Carnes, Pam Sills, Sarah King, Sheila Bradley, Brenda Coffield, Sheree Buchanan, Lori Blinn.

CONCERT BAND
CLARINETS: ROW 1 Melanie Kellogg, Cherry McMillan, Jane Martin, Debbie McDaniel, Glenda Monce, Don Langel, Stephanie Helms, Flutes Jonea Tucker, Toni Norrie, Debbie Wales, Annette Pernell, Nancy Leas, Kathy Dollier, Kay Rogers, Picolos Laurie Bonham, Becky Hamilton
ROW 2 Vicki Harshman, Gwen Leas, Linda Ramseyer, Roberta Westfall, Liz Cole, Sherry Bradley, Cammy Smith, Trumpets Evonne Walters, Cindy Kellogg, Dean Lloyd
Clarinets (Alto) Lisa Pernell
Clarinets (Bass) Barbara Miller, Martha Habeggar, Saxaphones Linda Wrestler, Kim Christainson, Debbie Perry, Donna Pinkerton, Brenda Slusher, Amy Slaughter
ROW 3 Mary Norris, Rhonda Neff, Deanna Duncan, Ann Slaughter, Vickie Monce, Le Ann Rogers, Dana Harris, Debbie Hartman, Trumpets Teresa Slusher, Polly McMillan, Shannon Elliott, Marlene Rogers, Don Lloyd, Cindy Herring, Karen Kershner, Rhonda Gentis, Shari Cale, Jill Hamilton, Diana Klefeker, Jay Dollier, Becky Monce, Baritones Eric Gufastason, John Mossburg, Larry Smith
TROMBONES: Trudy Smith, Kelli Shultz, Len Smith
ROW 4 Mr. Maloney, Mark Penrod
DRUMS: Roger Mills, Chuck Towns, Keith Bumgarner, Rod Sills, Kevin McDonald, Paul Katte, Doug Klefeker
TUBAS: Ron Zook, Phil Roush
FLAGS Kim Patterson, Sherrie Kipfer,
MARCHING BAND
BANNER CARRIERS Nancy Blinn, Laurie George
DRUM MAJORETTE Sherry Elliott
GUNS Nancy Leas, Debbie Wales, Sherry Ivins, Tammy Grover, Lynn Pernell, Pam Sills
Tammy Walburn, Lisa Andrews, Teresa Manning, Brenda Michael

JUNIOR HIGH BAND
ROW 1 Elaine Carnes, Kathy Osborn, Lisa Miller, Teresa Baughman, Lori Dumpert, Sheila Bradley, Shirley Neff, Lisa Blinn,
ROW 2 Kathy Schaffer, Craig Lieurance Lindsey Minniear, Jackie Monce, Ellen Huffman, Karen Boots, Steve Smith, Sam Towns, Brad Snow, Debbie Brinneman
ROW 3 Marilyn Hamilton, Robin Smith, Richard Chaffins, Joe Zoda, Sherri Ogle, Jo Twibell, Lynn Pernell, Kelli Christianson, Greg Love, Kevin Shultz, Bill Bonham, Carl Conwell, Kirk Kitts, Fred Zook, Doug Huffman, Kenny Showalter,
ROW 4 Wendell Smith, Brian Huffman, Don Boots, Jeff Love, Greg Pinderton, Mr. Maloney, Jerry Pursifull, Tim Habeggar

Concert Band

Marching Band

Junior High Band

YEARBOOK- ROW 1: Tresa Couch, Nancy Blinn, Sally Burdge, Rod Perry. ROW 2: Brian Williams, editor; Brian Herman, Barry Story, Chris Wamsley, Dave Bradley, Ms. Linda Schaefer, advisor; Ed Welsh. ROW 3: Tami Mason, Alice Sharpe, Gwen Leas, Sherry Kipfer, Sherry Elliott. Not pictured: Deb Worman.
HISTORY CLUB- ROW 1: Don Langel, Brian Williams, Henry Lynch. ROW 2: Molly Stout, Jeannette Surface, Martha Habegger, Tresa Couch. ROW 3: Mrs. Sally Mittlestedt, sponsor; Jackie Jensen, Linda Wrestler, Amy Slaughter, Kathy Oswalt, Mike Stinson.

clubs

STUDENT COUNCIL- ROW 1: Liz Cole, Steve Gearheart, pres; Jeff Oswalt, treas; Mike Carter, vp; Peggy Story, sec; Terry McElhaney, ROW 2: Nathan Stout, Pat Carter, Kelli Clark, Greg Pinkerton, Steve Smith, Dennis Leas, Brian Reaser, Diann Melick, Alan Harshman, Nancy Leas, Mark Leas, Cindy Kellogg, Dave Flaugher, Sara Helms, Jill Walker, Larry Smith, Gary Story, Brian Willaims.

Club

SUNSHINE SOCIETY - ROW 1: Lori Doyle, Debbie Price, Tami Mason, Kelli Shultz, Trudy Smith, Laura Pinkerton, Melody Fritz, Renda Twibell, Kathy Buckland, Evelyn McCoin, Jean Wales, Candy Hale, Cammy Smith, Evonne Walters, Sherry Bradley. ROW 2: Pam Spiker, Lisa Pernell, Jeanette Surfas, Sheryl Hockenberry, Roxie Grimm, Sherry Ivins, Debra Pinkerton, Coralee Breedlove, LeaAnn Rogers, Liz Bennett, Brenda Michael, Karen Kershner, Debbie Wales, Lori Hirschy, Diana Klefeker, Jody Bryant, Annette Pernell, Amy Slaughter, Deanna Duncan, Toni Norris, Cathe Carnes. ROW 3: Lisa Andrews, Linda Ramseyer, Jill Hamilton, Cindy Kellogg, Kim Lovell, Karen Buckland, Sherri Herring, Cindy Daugherty, Amy Slaughter, Susan Daugherty, Jacque Cochran, Kathy Meyer, Laurie Bonham, Stephanie Helms, Brenda Slusher, Barb Miller, Marlene Rogers, Carlene Carnes, Betty Vaughn, Mrs. Donna Simpson, sponosr; Mrs. Deb Brown, sponsor. ROW 4: Glenda Monce, Cindy Earhart, Cindy Schoeff, Sherry Howell, Rhonda Neff, Roberta Westfall, Sandy Sills, Rhonda James, Melanie Kellogg, Kay Rogers, Teresa Penrod, Tammy Grover, Linda Wrestler, Debbie Perry, Linda Swartz, Mary Norris, Ann Slater, Vicky Monce, Joy Herman, Becky Monce.

Sunshine Society

Health Careers

HEALTH CAREERS- ROW 1: Jill Walker, Gail Eldridge, Linda Srestler, Peggy Campbell, Martha Habegger, Amy Slaughter, Kim Lovell. ROW 2: Brenda Slusher, Tammy Grover, Polly Reinhard, Karen Kershner, Cindy Meade, Sheri Meade, Linda Swartz, Laurie Bonham, Sherley Eldridge, Mrs. Jean Kober, sponsor.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY - ROW 1: Jane Martin, Lorrie Stoffer, Kathy Dollier, Polly McMillan. ROW 2: Don Langel, Mellanie Kellogg, Dave Oswalt, Sheryl Meade, Teresa Slusher, Ed Reinhard, Kay Rogers, Ryan Kline, Molly Stout, Ms. Kathy Rhodes. THESPIANS- ROW 1: Jody Holloway, Tammy Grover, Mike Stinson, Tim Irwin. ROW 2: Kathy Oswalt, Tresa Couch, Ryan Kline, Mrs. Suzi Mullette.

National Honor Society

Drama Club

DRAMA CLUB- ROW 1: Mrs. Susan Mullette, Linda Swartz, Nicki Michuad, Lorrie Stoffer, Kay Rogers, Deanna Duncan, Nilela Harter, Debbie Wales. ROW 2: Tresa Couch, Tammy Grover, Shannon Elliott, Linda Ramseyer, Sherry Howell, Murlene Roger, Kathy Oswalt, Ann Nunley, Becky Richardson, Carol Conwell. ROW 3: Jay Dollier, Don Beeks, Jody Holloway, Chuck Grabner, Ryan Kline, Henry Lynch, Mike Stinson, Tim Irwin, Chuck Towns, Bryan Couch, Tracy Gentis.

Thespians

SENIOR HIGH FHA- ROW 1: Renda Twibell, Marlene Rogers, Barb Miller, Cathy Huffman, Deanna Duncan, Nancy Blinn. ROW 2: Laurie Bonham, Teresa Manning, treas; Peggy Story, sec; Jane Martin, rept; Lorrie Stoffer, hist; Gwen Leas, vp; Polly McMillan, hist; Tresa Couch, pres; LouAnn Reinhard, pub relations. ROW 3: Mary Norris, Sherry Howell, Linda Ramseyer, Linda Swartz, Cindy Pinkerton, Jonea Tucker, Vicky Monce, Delores Davis, Brenda Banter, Kammy Smith, Kay Rogers, Miss Diana Fuelling, advisor.

JUNIOR HIGH FHA- ROW 1: Teresa Sharpe, Pam Palmer, Joanne Jensen, Becky Roop, Cindy Hicks, Lorie Blinn. ROW 2: Jo Twibell, Lisa Miller, Diane Scott, Kathy Osborn, Susan Bennett, Celinda Luckey, Brenda Holloway. ROW 3: Miss Fuelling, advisor; Jane Crago, Kim Okey, Karen Boots, Sarah King, Susan Slentz, Rhonda Lusher, Rose Piqune.

Senior High FHA

Junior High FHA

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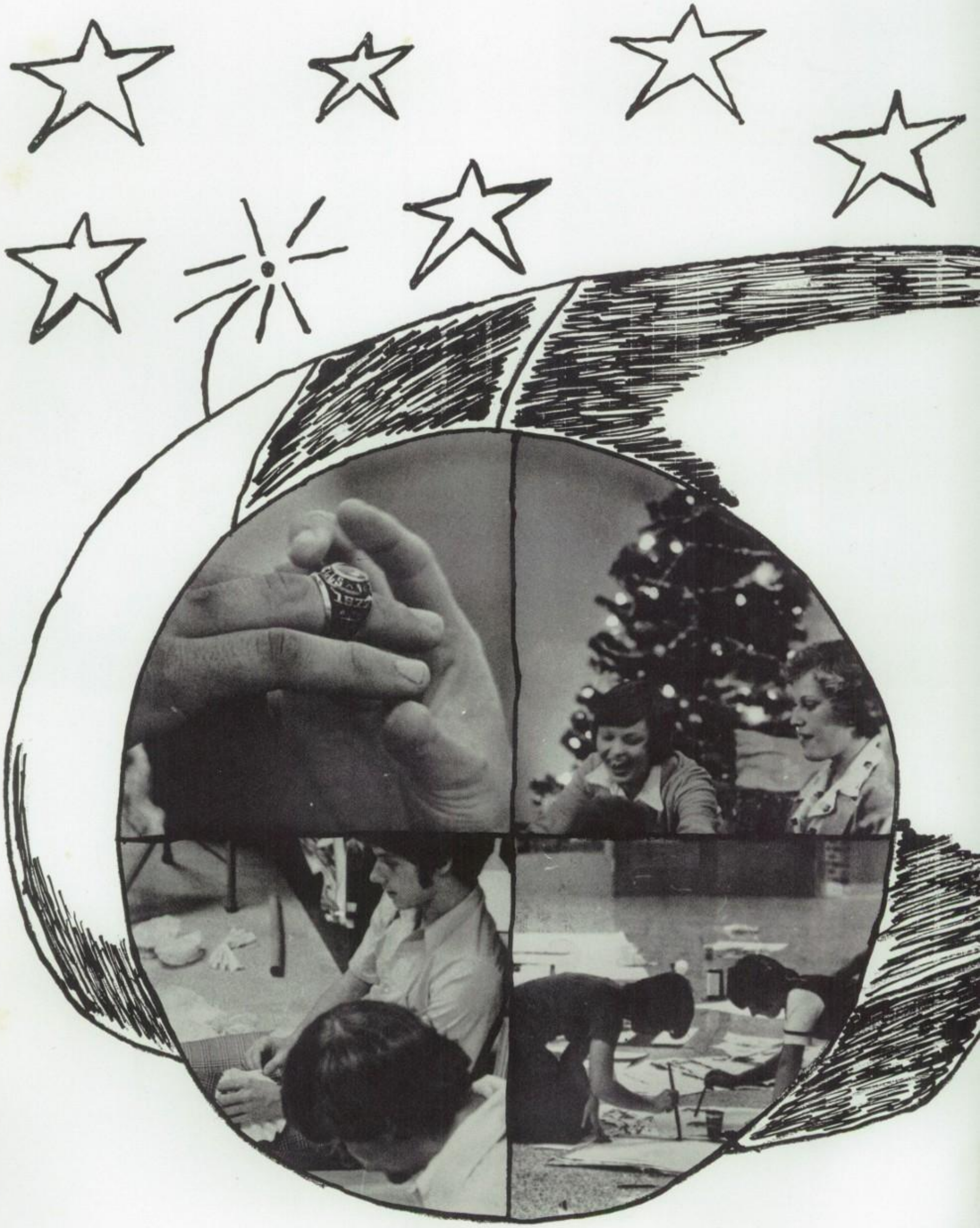


troop inspection

Another year . . . some old faces gone . . . some new faces replacing them. Everybody moves up a grade . . . one class moves out . . . one class moves in . . . everybody's a year older. Year after year, the constant change goes on, always revolving This year the Class of '76 is at the top. Six years ago they were at the bottom. Next year they'll be gone. The change is never-ending.

The many faces comprising SW come from all age groups. Administration, faculty, supporting staff, senior high and junior high people all make up the troops that march the halls of Southern Wells.

Evelyn Darlene Bates

Jack L. Blair

Mikel James Blinn

Myra L. Bunch

Kimberly A. Carnes

Michael L. Carter

Clifton L. Conwell

Clinton D. Conwell

Carl L. Craig

Kathryn Joann Dollier

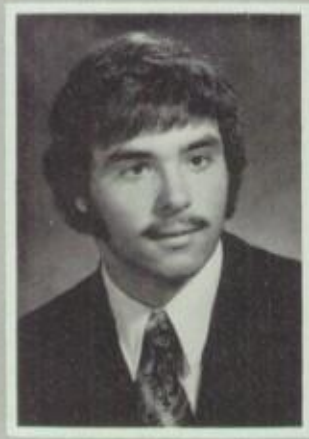
Larry Wayne Doyle

Tami A. Dubach

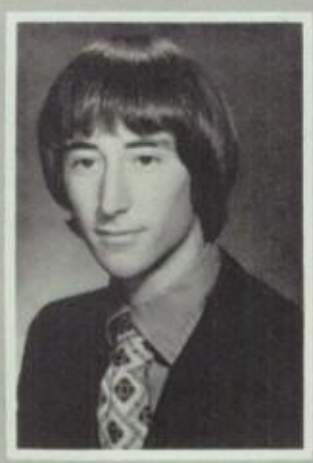
Sheryl Rose Elliott

G. Duane Ford

Senior class officers Rick Gentis, vice-president; Rhonda James, tresurer; LuAnn Nash, secretary; and Dave Lovell, president, take a break in discussing graduation plans.



Gary Lee Flaugher



Steven R. -Gearheart

Rick D. Gentis

Michele Elaine Gilbert

Ted E. Habegger

Garrett W. Hamilton

Vicki Harshman

Cindy Sue Herring

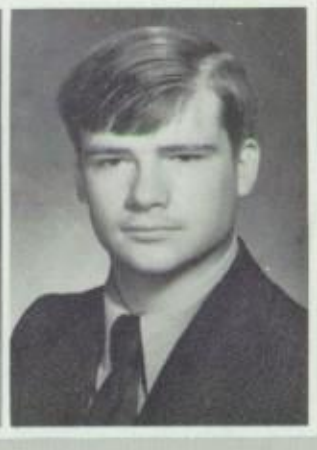
Tina L. Herring

Jay Dee Hess

Doreen Marie Hinson

Sherry A. Howell

Brenda Sue Huffman



Timothy Duane Irwin

Terry Lee Ivins

Rhonda Jean James

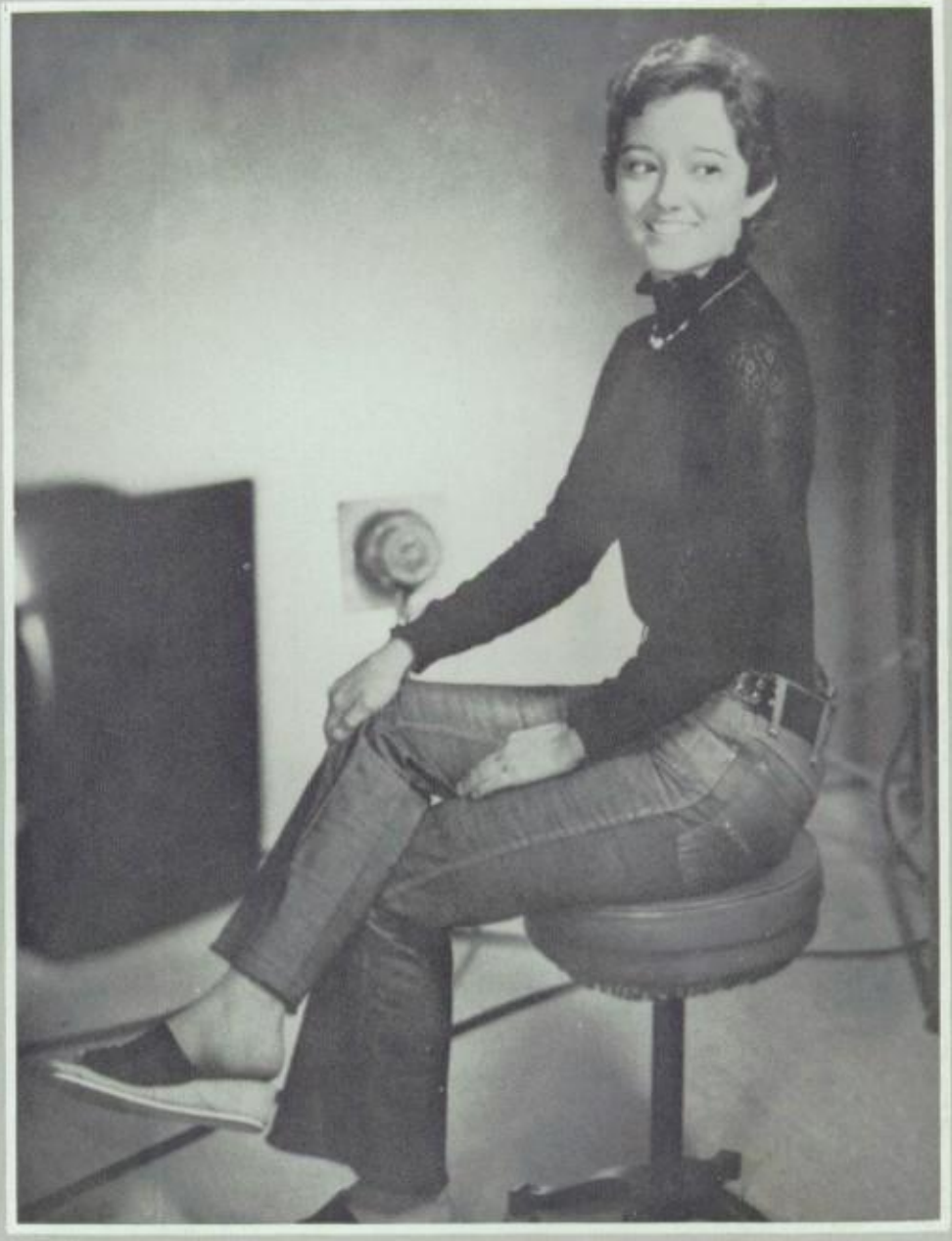
Roland E. James

Jacquelyn Dianne Jensen

Melanie Lynn Kellogg

Rick E. King

Although senior pictures seem to have a formal look to them, Molly Stout shows just the opposite while waiting to have her pictures taken.



Ryan L. Kline | Donald W. Langel | Gwenda Lynn Leas | Michael L. Lockwood | David Lee Lovell | Henry J. Lynch

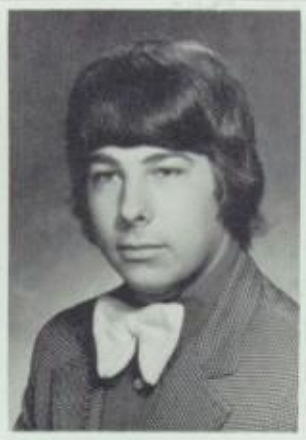
Teresa Ann Manning | Mary Jane Martin | Cheryl Kay Mayer | Stan V. McCammon | Terry Lee McElhaney | Polly Jean McMillan

Sheryl Lynne Meade | Richard Dee Miller | Jerry D. Moser | Kim Earlene Murray | LuAnn Kay Nash | Charlie Nestleroad

David Allen Oswalt | Lisa Elaine Pernell | Cinda K. Pinkerton | Linda Mae Ramseyer | Rebecca Joan Ramseyer | Edward P. Reinhard

Loretta Kay Rogers

Duane L. Scott



Kris E. Shultz

Sandra J. Sills

Teresa Ann Slusher

George A. Steiner

Lisa Renee Stinson

Rodney Lee Stinson

Lorrie Anne Stoffer

Peggy Sue Story

J. D. Hess, George Steiner, Mike Studebaker, Sonny Hickey and Mike Blinn stand around Blinn's car before leaving on a trip to Kansas. The four seniors and one fresh freshman, Sonny Hickey, were accompanied by the FFA sponsor Mr. Stauffer.

Molly Louise Stout

Michael Gene Studebaker

Becky Ann Swartz

Jack A. Thornburgh II

Connie Sue Tyner

Shirley Mae Velasquez

NOT PICTURED
Doug Anderson
Sherry Cole
Paul Katte
Rick Mickel
Dave Sparks
Donnie Stacy
Larrie Stoffer

Edward A. Welsh

Roberta Sue Westfall

Randall L. Woten

Jerry L. Zehner

After spending 12 years of their lives in school, the seniors of the class of "76", like most seniors, anxiously awaited the final days of May.

However they had spent those long years, whether diligently learning and preparing for the future, or merely passing time, the seniors were ready to try something else! And most of their senior year was spent with this thought in mind.

Some of them chose to spend their last year sampling what life on the outside was like. Through the ICE program, seniors had the chance to go to school half a day and get on-the-job training during the other half. Not only could they begin earning money for their later plans, but they were able to have a test run of an occupation before committing themselves to it.

Full-time seniors also made plans for the future. Many applied to and visited colleges, took appitude tests, and interviewed for jobs.

Not all action was focused to the future. Knowing they were doing some things for the last time, seniors enthusiastically participated in SW events.

They excelled in sports, and were leaders in extra-curricular activities.

Seniors played in their last football game, cheered at their last basketball tourney and sponsored their last dance. Many participated in their last Homecoming as students wondering what their first Homecoming as alumni would be like.

Finally, seniors made preparation for the event which would leave them free to enter the future of their choice, graduation. Senior keys were selected, announcements ordered, senior portraits taken and exchanged, names spelled out completely for diplomas and yearbooks bought for the last time. The validictorian and salatitorian were announced, and the seniors were ready. This really would be a commencement.

Brenda Banter
Cindy Blair
Jeff Blinn

Dave Bradley
Sherry Bradley
Jeff Brown

Jody Bryant
Terry Buchanan
Karen Buckland

Sally Burdge
Peggy Cambell
Lisa Carnes

Don Carroll
Randy Carson
Laura Cochran

Meridith Coleman
Jeff Corrati
Tresa Couch

Jim Cushing
Cindy Daughtery
Delores Davis

Gail Eldridge
Dennis Fagen
Dave Flaugher

The Class of '77 hit its stride in the junio year; it even managed to find some constructive things to do with its abundant spirit!

One of the junior's first full-scale projects was the traditional magazine drive. Spon sors Brown, Bushong, and Middlestedt organized teams, selected leaders and let the juniors loose on an unsuspecting public. Although they fell just short of their record goal, the super-salesman of the group were treated to a Ft. Wayne Komet hockey game.

Juniors really fired up for sports this yea at SW. Those who didn't play, cheered; and cheered loud. The juniors were repeated recipients of the Spirit Stick. Though not quite as successful, their Homecoming efforts wer just as mighty. (Too bad the float judges weren't from Kimberly-Clark!)

This same enthusiasm came in handy as the juniors faced their biggest job of all, the Prom. Hundreds of junior-hours were spent raising money, making plans and finishing final arrangements.

WANT TO BUY A MAGAZINE? Juniors Don Carroll, Laura Cochran, Cindy Daughtery, and Tresa Couch tally magazine sells for the day.

Tim Geisel
Rodney Gentis
Tom Gentis
Bill Gerard
Tammy Grover
Martha Habbegar

Brian Herman
Sherri Herring
Sheryl Hockenberry
Karen Hogston
Jody Holloway
Karen Kershner

Kevin King
Mike King
Sherrie Kipfer
Malia Lancaster
Don Lloyd
Dennis Lockwood

Kim Lovell
Dave Martin
Tami Mason
Debbie McDanial
Bill McIntire
Cherry McMillan

Cindy Meade
Bill Micheal
Brenda Micheal
Cindy Miller
Leroy Miller
Roger Mills

Glenda Monce
Anne Nunley
Darrel Nusbaumer
Kelly Osborn
Kathy Oswalt
Larry Palmer

Kim Patterson
Debbie Pinkerton
Polly Reinhard
Erick Robbins
Bruce Ruble
Phil Schortgen

Alice Sharpe
Amy Slaughter
Terrie Slusher
Cammy Smith
Kammy Smith
Larry Smith

Duane Stacy

Mike Stinson

Barry Story
Gary Story

Matt Tappy
Jay Tucker

Pam Walden
Jill Walker

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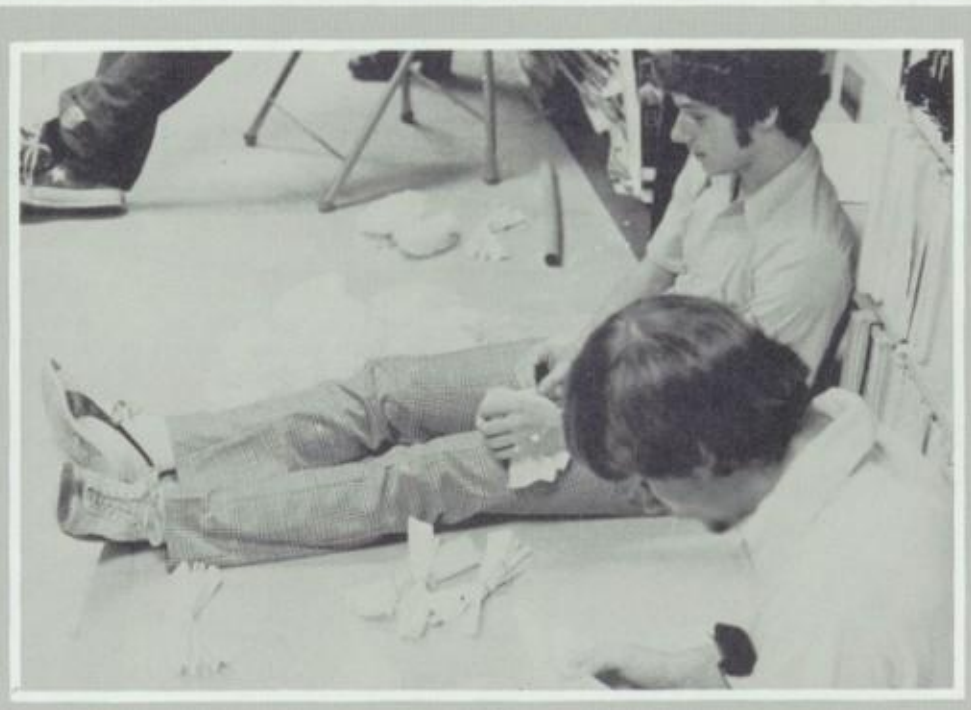

WHAT A JOB! Bill Micheals and Phil Schortgen make flowers out of kleenex.

JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS: Karen Kershner, Treasure; Brian Williams, V. President; Sherry Bradley, Secretary; Barry Story, President.

Jeff Anderson
Lisa Andrews
Chuck Baker
Stan Bales
Ivan Beeks
Don Bennett

Elizabeth Bennett
Ron Bennett
Keith Betts
Kevin Betts
Nancy Blinn

Kathy Buckland
Shari Cale
Jack Capper

Carlene Carnes
Brian Cassidy
Carol Conwell

Jeff Craig
Lori Doyle
Cindy Earhart

Maureen Edwars
Shirley Eldridge
Brent Fuller

Dale Gardner
Gary Glenn
Roxie Grimm

Jeff Habig
Becky Hamilton
Jill Hamilton
Alan Harshman
Debra Hartman
Don Harris

Other than suffering from a lack of money and too few planned projects, the sophomores enjoyed their first year as full-fledged upper classmen.

The biggest event of their tenth year came with the choosing of class rings. Along with the usual stone choice, the sophomores also had a choice of gold, silver or ultrium settings.

Sophomores also participated, along with other students council members, in the Bluffton student exchange. Four sophomores acted as hosts to students from Bluffton, while Alan Harshman, Tim Schortgen, Cindy Kellogg, and Rhonda Neff were guests for the day at Bluffton High School. Besides being served doughnuts and milk, they got a chance to see how other students live, and to determine the uniqueness of the SW sophomore experience.

Sara Helms
Jay Herman

Joy Herman
Don Hinson

Howard Hogston
Cathy Huffman

Sherry Ivins
Jim Jacobs

David James
Jim Jenson

Sophomore class officers looking apprehensively at the camera include president Lu Ann Reinhard, vice president Alan Harshman, secretary Rhonda Neff and Laurie Bonham, treasurer.

Cindy Kellogg
Tim Langel
Mark Leas
Vic Lusher
Marty McDaniel
Kevin McDonald

Cindy Miller
Jane Miller
Dan Minnich
Don Minnich
Vicky Monce
Scott Mossburg

Jody Murray
Jim Nash
Rhonda Jeff
Mary Norris
Jeff Oswalt
Bob Pace

De Ann Patterson
Rod Perry
Donna Pinkerton
Gary Pinkerton
Debbie Price
Ruth Quinton

Larry Rains
Jeff Ramseyer
Lou Ann Reinhard
Jeff Reynolds
Fred Richardson
Lea Ann Rogers

Brian Roush
Chris Schmidt
Cindy Schoeff
Tim Schortgen
Rick Sharpe
Mark Shideler

Annette Slater
Tim Slentz
Brenda Slusher
Len Smith
Pam Spiker
Keith Stinson

Steve Stoffer
Keith Stroud
Jeanette Surfus

Linda Swartz
Renda Twibell
Sandra Velasquez

Frank Wafford
Tammy Walburn
Larry Wilson

Photographer Shoults gives Kevin Betts just the right angle for his Charger picture.

NOT PICTURED
Ethel Angel
Brian Elston

Kevin Allen
Deloris Bates
Don Beeks
Howard Benefiel
Mike Blair
Randy Blair

Robert Bower
Jody Bradley
Coralee Breedlove
Barry Brown
Keith Bumgarner
Cathlene Carnes

Kim Christianson
Jacque Cochran
Liz Cole
John Coleman
Dave Collins
Jamey Coratti

Bryan Couch
Larry Couch
Susan Daugherty
Mitch Davis
Rick Davis
Jay Dollier

Deanna Duncan
Jon Elliott
Shannon Elliott
Chris Foltz
Melody Fritz
Joe Garrett

Ronda Gentis
Tracy Gentis
Laurie George

Chuck Grabner
Alice Graham
Brenda Graves

Tim Gregg
Doug Grover
Candy Hale

Brian Reaser looks amazed as someone calls his name.

Cheryl Harris
Dana Harris
Ernest Harris
Laura Harshman
Tom Hartman
Stephanie Helms

Nilela Harter
Sonny Hickey
Lori Hirschy
Tom Huffman
Randy Kellogg
Robert Kilander

Gary King
Diana Klefeker
Doug Klefeker
JoAnn Lane
Bruce Leas
Nancy Leas

Dean Lloyd
Mike Maddox
Allen Markle
Rhonda Martin
Evelyn McCoin
Rod McCune

Sherry McDaniel
Diann Melick
Jenina Mertz
Kathy Meyer
Rod Meyer -
Nicki Michaud

Barb Miller
Connie Miller
Becky Monce
John Moseburg
Toni Norris
Becky Osborn

Greg Pace
Kelly Patterson
Robert Pease
Mark Penrod
Teresa Penrod
Annette Pernell

Deborah Perry
Laura Pinkerton
Jeff Prible
Kris Ramseyer
Brian Reaser
Herbert Reinhard

Becky Richardson
Leanna Robbins
Marlene Rogers
Charles Roop
Phillip Roush
Delora Scott

Mark Shaffer
Mel Shideler
Kelli Shultz
Rod Sills
Rod Simpson
Valerie Slack

Ann Slaughter
Bill Smith
Trudy Smith
Carol Stewart
Greg Stroud

John Tarr
Doug Thornburg
Chuck Towns
Jonea Tucker
Betty Vaughn
Steve Wafford

Debbie Wales
Jean Wales

Ron Woten
Dave Walsh

Ron Zook
Mike Bower

Ed Moore

Class officers, Tom Hartman, president; Diann Melick, vice president; Annette Pernell, secretary, Alice Grahm, treasurer; take a break during the day to meet in the library.

The 118 freshmen of 1975-76 need five sponsors to manage their activities. Dan Emerick, Jerry Penrod, Bettie Cline, Susie Mullett and Linda Oxenrider led the class to a win in not only the Homecoming float and door contests, but also the first Homecoming Week Spirit Trophy. The Frosh also planned a successful "Raider Button" sales program to alleviate their debt.

Todd Affolder
Ted Alberson
Randy Angel
Matt Benedict
Todd Beechler
Susan Bennett

Christine Betts
Lisa Blinn
Lorie Blinn

Karen Boots
Sheila Bradley
Connie Briles

Brad Bryant
Sheree Buchanan
Kathy Burnsworth

Jeff Capper
Kelly Carnes
Brenda Coffield

Class officers Matt Benedict, president; Dennis Leas, vice-president; Shirley Neff, secretary; and Lisa Blinn, treasurer, take a break from their daily schedule.

Carl Conwell
Linda Couch
Jane Crago
JoAnn Craig
Steve Davidson
Vicky Doyle

Lawrence Dumpert
Lori Dumpert
Jerry Fisher
Jill Flaugher
Lawrence Frantz
Jeff Geisel

Steve Graham
Marilyn Hamilton
Reggie Hayes
Ed Herman
Teresa Herring
Richard Hickey

Cindy Hicks
Brenda Holloway
Jay Holloway
Doug Huffman
Ellen Huffman
Toni Ivins

JoAnne Jensen
David Kendall

Chris Killingbeck
Sarah King

Randy Lane
Sarah Langel

Dennis Leas
Craig Lieurance

While passing time in the library Dennis Leas and a friend glance through a magazine.

Jeff Love
Celinda Luckey
Rhonda Lusher
Ronn McCune
Dawn Maddox
Kenny Manning

Pam Markle
Ron Martin
Mark Melick
Danny Miller
Lisa Miller
Bob Monce

Shirley Neff
Sherri Ogle
Kim Okey
Babette Osborn
Kathy Osborn
Pam Palmer

John Penrod
Greg Pinkerton
Rose Piqune
Vicki Ramseyer
Becky Roop
Kevin Roush

Dallas Runkle
Becky Schortgen
Diane Scott
Kathy Shaffer
Teresa Sharpe
Kenny Showalter

Kevin Shultz
Pam Sills
Kelli Simon

Susan Slentz
Scott Slusher
Chris Smith

Gary Smith
Robin Smith
Steve Smith

Being an eighth grader is a difficult challenge for students at SW, but the Class of 1980 seems to have coped with that problem very well, as they met the challenge and enjoyed it.

For sponsors Steve Stauffer, Kathy Rhodes, Diane Fuelling and Susan Bobbitt, the year was also an exciting challenge, but not one without rewards.

Though the judges were not too impressed, the class came up with a real cute float. It depicted the Raiders running several paper airplanes under a hugh iron, with the theme "Press the Jets."

Wendell Smith
Brad Snow
Larry Stewart
Jeff Stiltner
Alan Stout
Jeff Stroup

Scott Tappy
Damita Twibell
Richard Wafford
Richard Wafford
Vicki Walden
David Wallace

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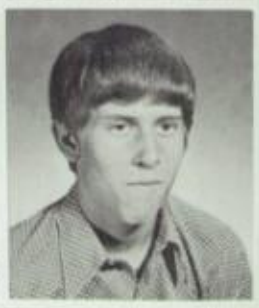
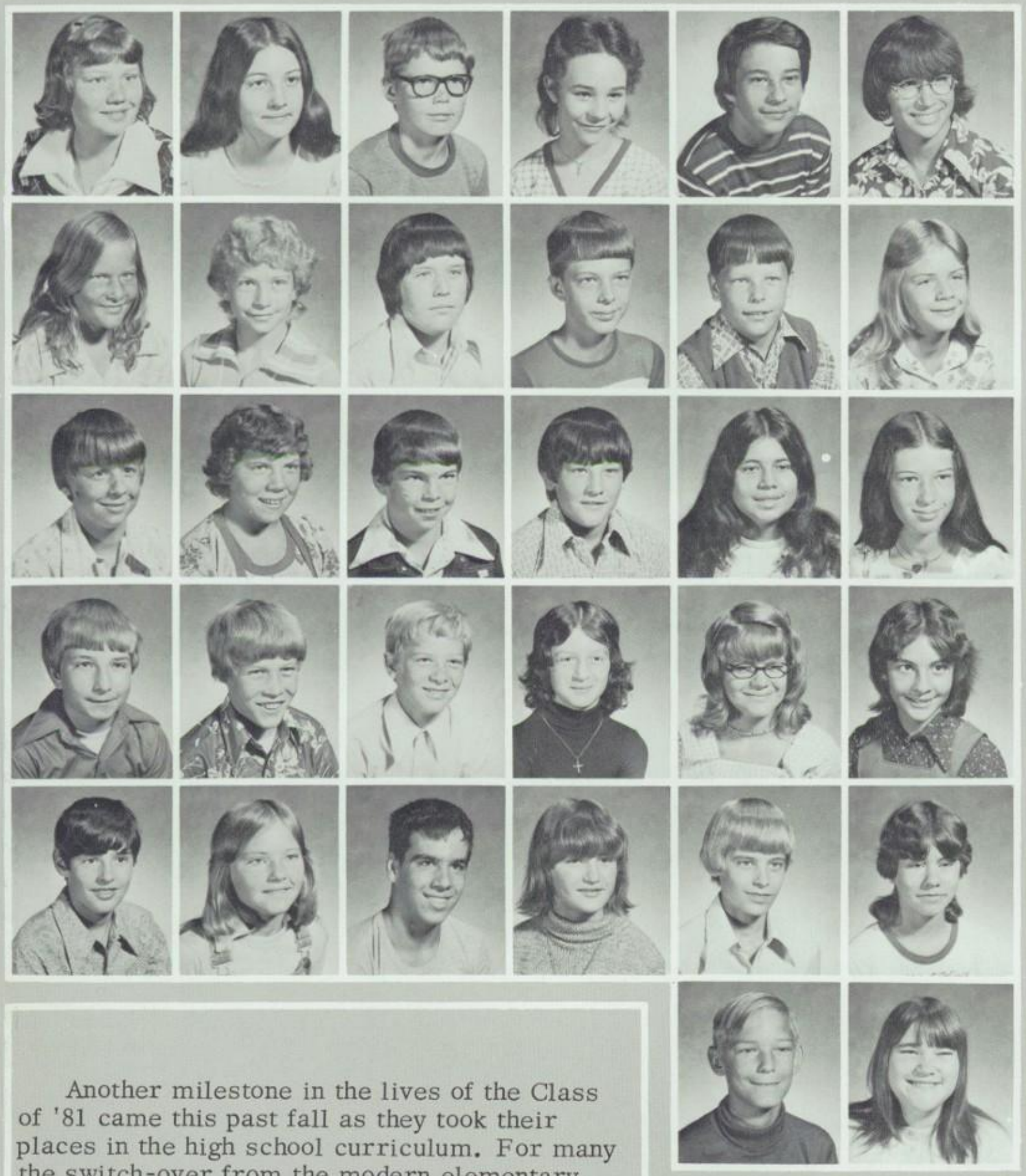
Dale Cole
Troy Foreman
Dewayne Watson
Randy Wilson
Fred Zook





Melanie Alberson
Rita Alford
Ricky Angel
Becky Arnold
Tim Arnold
Beth Ballard

Debbie Bates
Teresa Baughman
Tim Blair
Bill Bonham
Don Boots
Diana Bower

Eugene Boyer
Debbie Brinneman
Tim Bryant
Todd Bunch
Lexie Capper
Elaine Carnes

Scott Carroll
Pat Carter
Richard Chaffins
Kelli Christianson
Jeanette Claghorn
Kelli Clark

Charles Conwell
Connie Davis
Robert Davis
Ruth Davis
Brian Dollier
Lori Elliott

Earl Ewart
Sherri Foreman

Another milestone in the lives of the Class of '81 came this past fall as they took their places in the high school curriculum. For many the switch-over from the modern elementary techniques to the more traditional high school methods was a difficult challenge, but most seemed to enjoy the change.

The main highlights for the year came with the float contest and the class party. The 7th grade float, entitled, "Let Freedom Ring", was decorated with a large Liberty Bell (crack and all) set on a hugh flag which ran the length of the float. The class received a third place prize of $20 at the Homecoming parade.

RIGHT ,- 7TH grade class officers Don Boots, president; Nathan Stout, vice-president; Lindsey Minnear, secretary; and Curt Meyer, treasurer, wait for the camera.

Teresa Friar

Lucas Fritz
Jole Frush
Jeff Fuller
Mark Garrett
Sandra Gearheart
Elvida Gonzalez

Amy Grabner
Tim Habegger
Roland Harris
Beth Herring
Debbie Hinson
John Hirschy

Brian Holloway
Brian Huffman
Tim Huffman
Greg Johnson
Jack Jones
Rhonda Jones

Jodi Kendall
Barry Kingery
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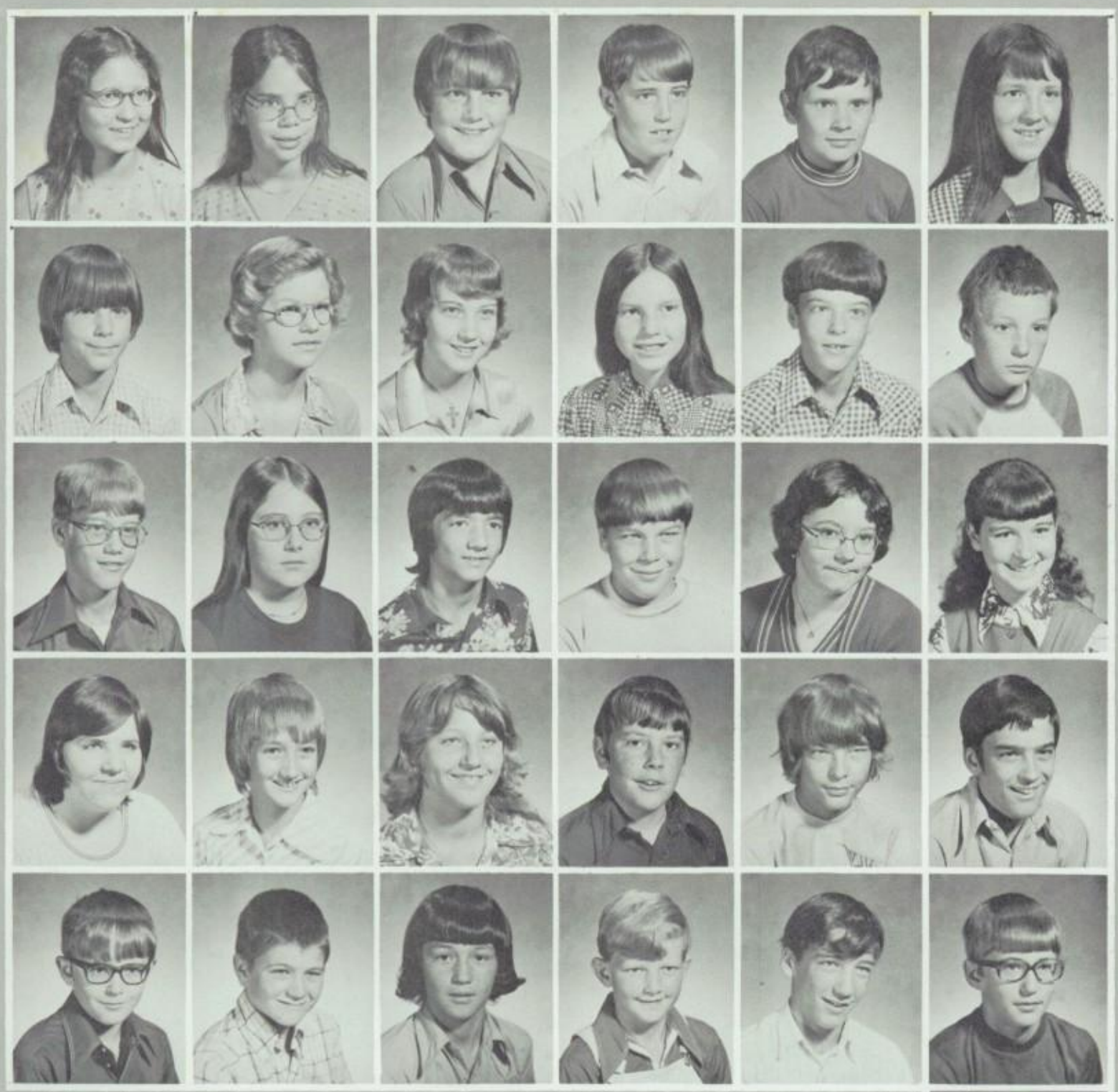


Jackie Monce
Diana Mossburg
Jeff Myers
Alan Norris
Rory Nunley
Pam Osborn

Daniel Pace
Cheryl Penrod
Lynn Pernell
Sheryl Price
Bob Prible
Ollie Puckett

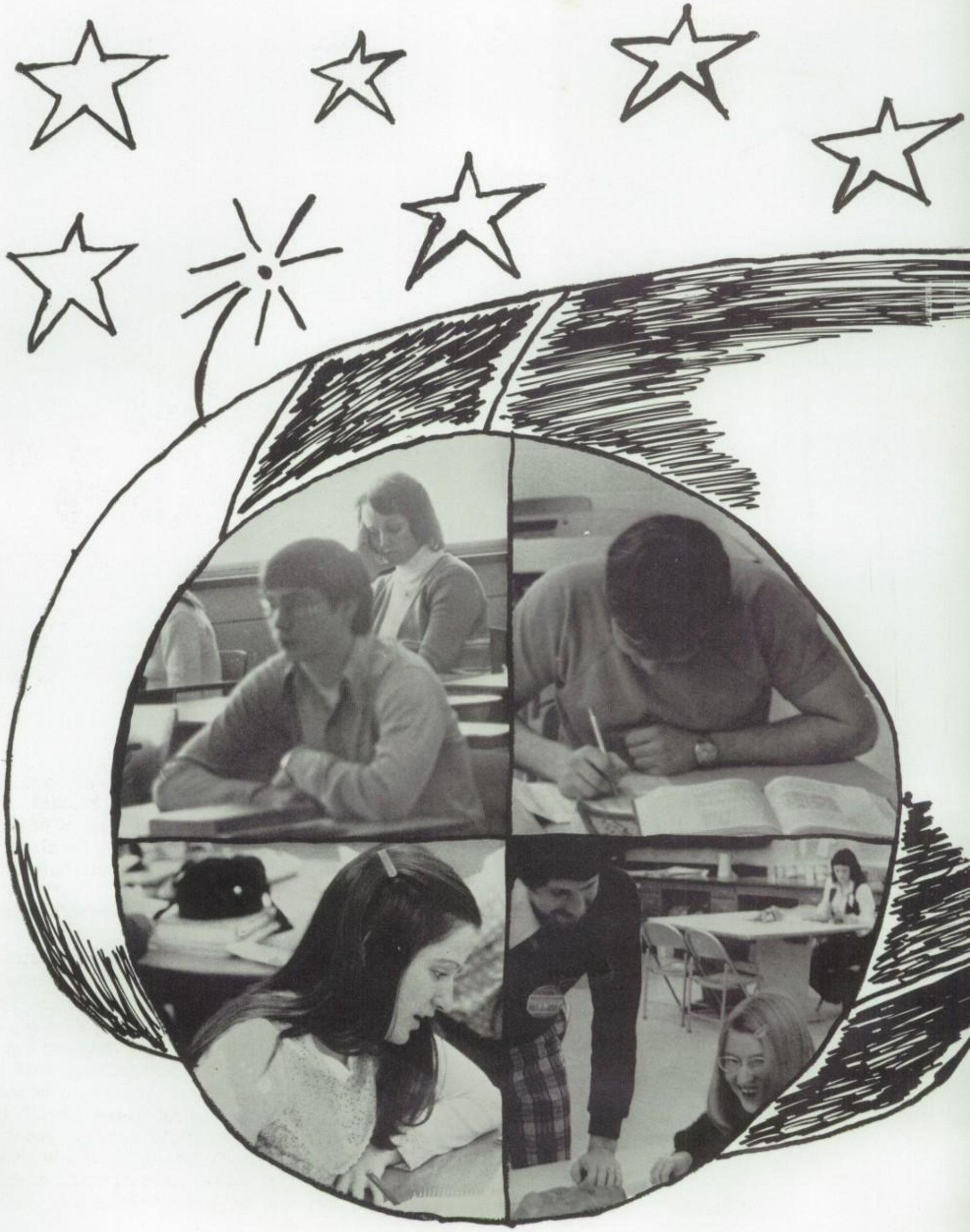
Jerry Pursifull
Rebecca Quinton
Rod Reaser
Tom Reinhard
Pam Schadt
Diana Schmidt

Susan Simpson
Manda Smith
Shelia Smith
Brad Snow
John Sparks
Nathan Stout

Mark Thomas
Sam Towns
Greg Velasquez
Jerry Wafford
Tim Wallace
Joe Zoda

Joni Zoll

LEFT - John Sparks learns that there's a little more work involved in being a 7th grader than he expected.



boot camp training

". . . 476 . . . the Fall of the Roman Empire . . . 800 the Crowning of Charlemagne . . . 1066 . . . the Battle of Hastings . . . 9:50 . . . ten minutes 'til the bell . . . I wonder if my car is fixed yet . . . Is "Jaws" still playing in Marion? . . . If only James could have held that pass . . . So what's the Spanish Armada? . . ."

This is an example of the average class for the dedicated, concerned, enthusisastic and all-round nice-guy Southern Wells student. Dedicated? . . . Concerned? . . . Enthusisatic? . . . well . . . maybe just a Southern Wells Student.

The average student spends nearly 90% of his time at school in the classroom. That same student spends almost 20% of that time in actual class oriented concentration.

To encourage academic interest and involvement, no less than seven new teacners joined the SW faculty in August. Over the past few years, the teaching staff has gained such youth, that over half the teachers are 30 or less! If it's new and younger faces that S. W. needs, this could be the dawning of the Raider Revolution.

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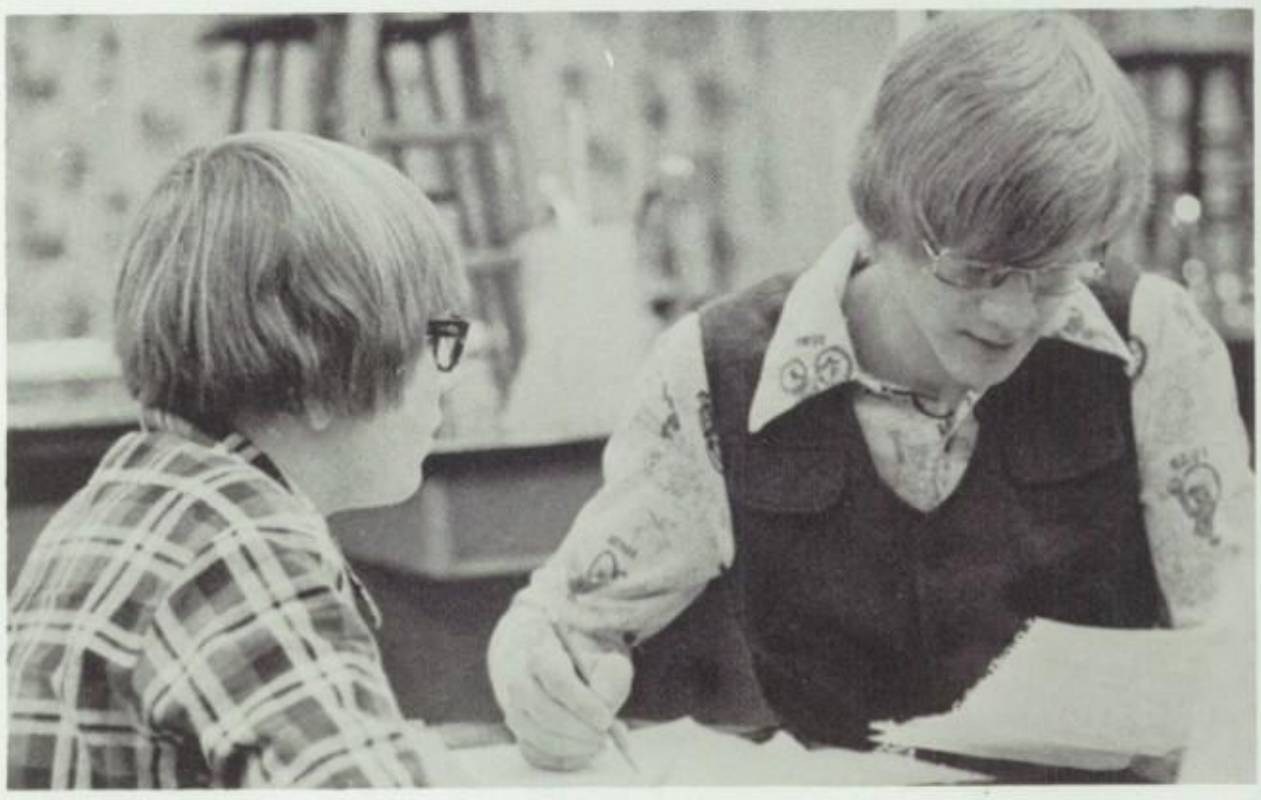


RIGHT- Don Lloyd and Andy Zehner confer on a difficult physics problem in that first period class.
BELOW- Roxie Grimm digs through her science book to find the proper identification for a rock in her earth science class.
BELOW RIGHT- Jill Hamilton demonstrates the proper method of taping an ankle with classmate Lu Ann Reinhard.

PERIOD

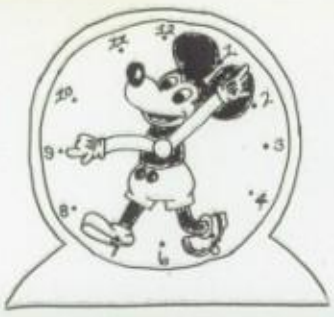
In the midst of lunch count, sleepy eyes, early dismissal lists, attendance, yawns, and sighs, the SW teachers manage to get a few classes taught first period.

Science class always manages to open up a few eyes. The jr. high students like their "work at your own speed" science classes. Eighth graders are taught basic chemistry; the 7th graders, basic physics. In high school physics, studies are done on heat, light, energy, the planets and machines.

Last fall the earth and general science classes explored the stalagtites and stalagmites of Ohio caverns. These classes study the formation of the earth: rocks, rivers, lakes and mountains.

SW also packs a full load of lectures, class discussion, experiments, and reports into its one semester health class. The class also contains a first aid course, teaching the proper methods of applying splints and bandages.

LEFT- Eighth graders Doug Huffman and Steve Smith don't look convinced when Kevin Shultz says, "Come on guys, I'll show you how it's done."
BELOW LEFT- "You've got to be kidding," Molly Stout seems to be saying as Mr. Fritts explains the process of the photometer to his first period physics class.
BELOW- "My, what long arms you have!" Jeff Myers seems to exclaim as he measures classmate Rod Reaser's arm for their seventh grade science class.



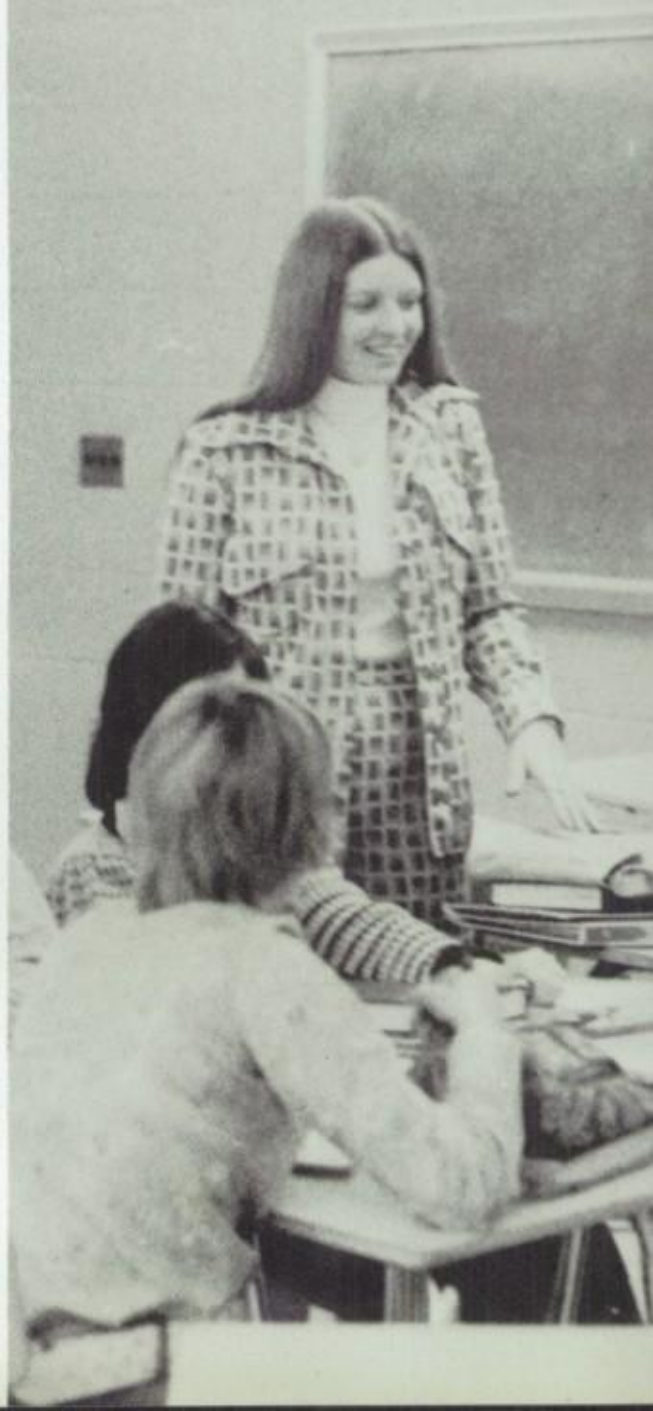
2ND

By the second period, the students are waking-up and starting to get rowdy. Miss Fueling can agree to that as she trys to read the morning announcements and prepare her second period family living class for married life. At the beginning of the year the class divided into couples and got married. Because of the shortage of husbands, Tom Gentis gladly took on two wives! Acting as married couples, the students bought appliances for their homes and learned how to budget a family income.

The pyschology class began the year with a guest speaker Dr. Hazelton from the First Presbyterian Church in Bluffton. He spoke on the psychological affect that advertising has on people. The class also studied persception, tracing over a picture by looking at it through the mirror.

Beware! The sophomore class is on the road again! They're experiencing that first nervous feeling of being behind the wheel of a real moving car, with a calm driver's training teacher ready to hit the brakes if they forget to.

History classes are filled with film strips, records, movies and lectures to help introduce to the 7th and 8th grade history classes our past heritage, and those cultures that are alike and unlike our own.



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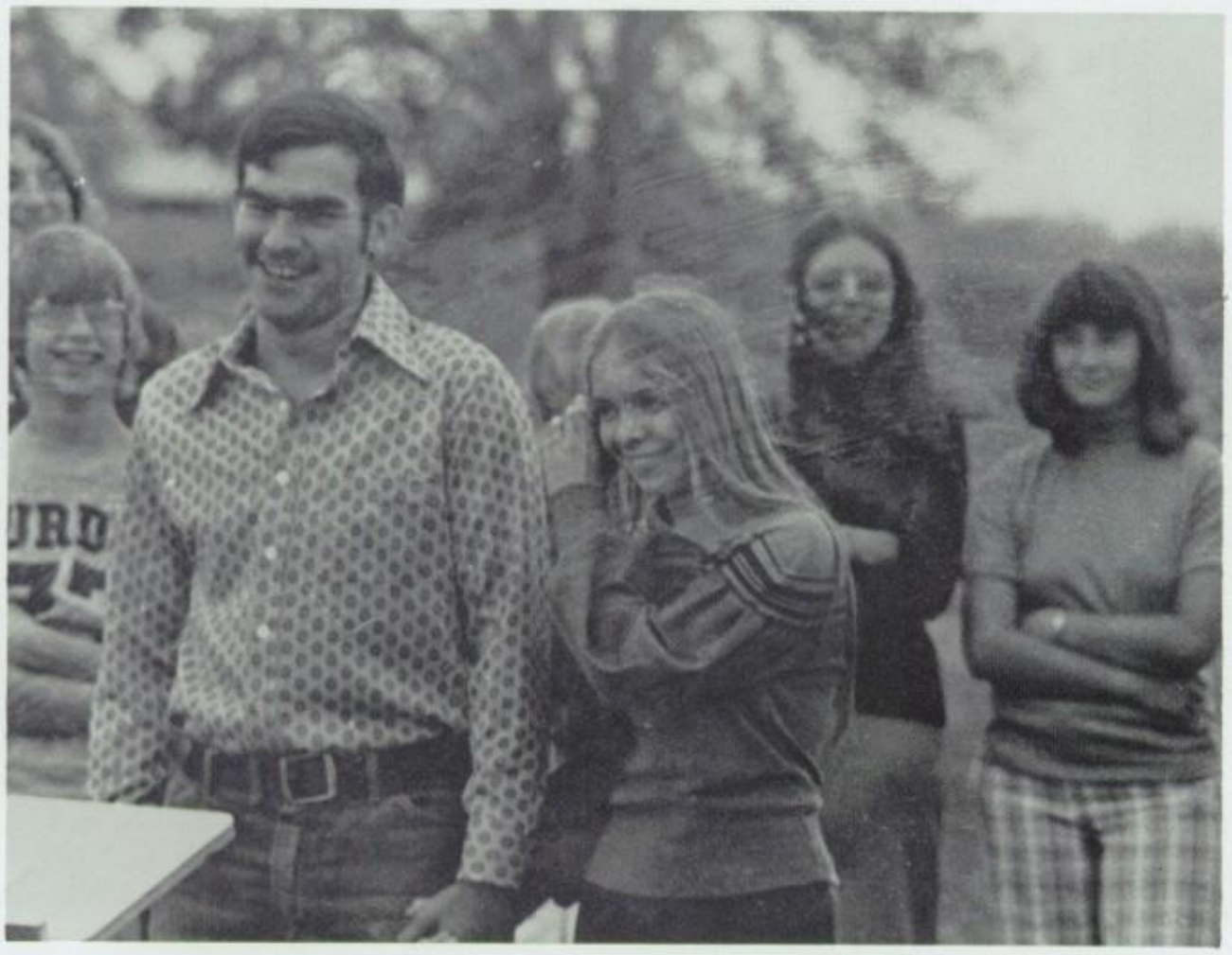
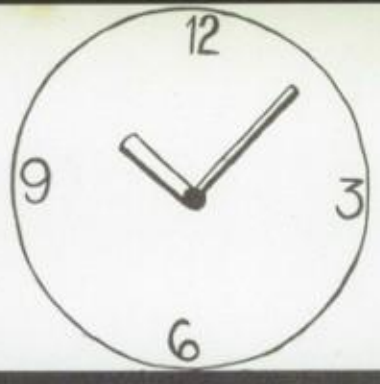


ABOVE FAR LEFT: Getting out of the parking place is one of the most important tasks of drivers training.
ABOVE MIDDLE: History is so interesting; you see all of those exciting words that describe "Man In Culture."
ABOVE RIGHT: Jody Holloway and his blushing bride to be, exchange vows at the mock wedding, performed by the family living class.
LEFT BELOW: Pyschology class experiments on conditioning responses by ringing a bell.
RIGHT BELOW: "With this ring I thee wed" or at least until the end of the year!



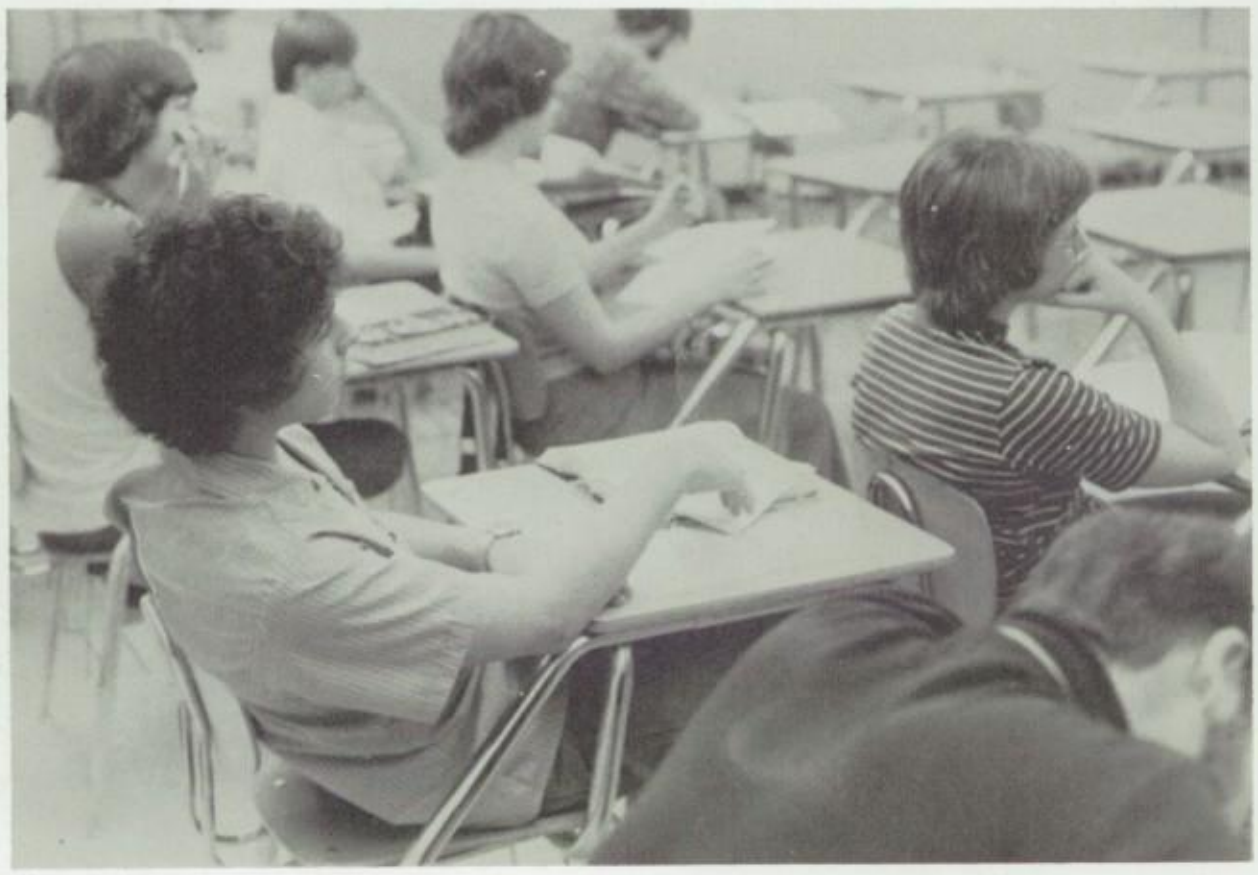
3RD

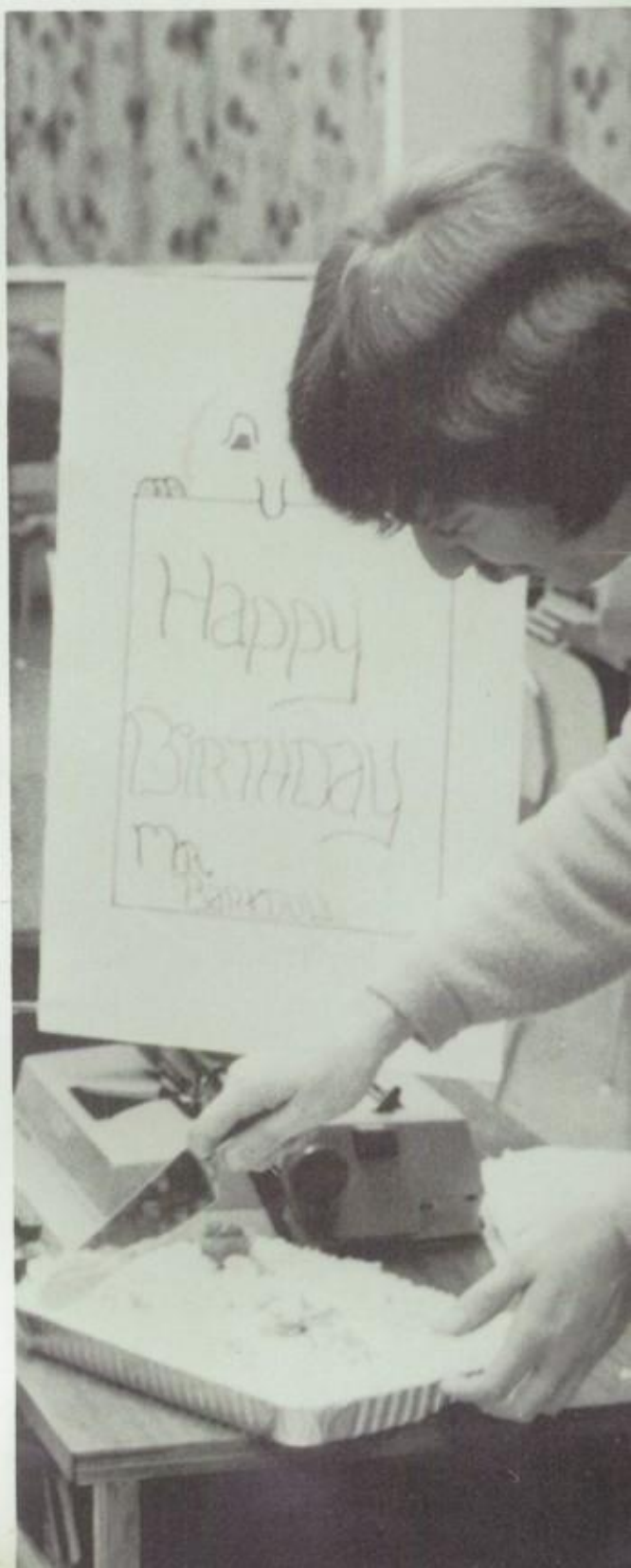
If first period is plagued with yawns and sleepy deaf ears, and second period with wide-awake rowdyness, then third period must always be interrupted with loud grumbles and growls of empty stomachs. Even the strictest silence can be completely shattered by one loud "growlll!!!" of an empty stomach.

One way to keep your stomach from making an embarrassing announcement is to get it interested in something else. For instance, art. If you keep your hands busy, then your stomach might not notice 11:00. Many students tried it this year and found it to be fun. Arcilic painting, sculpture, ceramics, and macrama are just a few things learned.

Some students will swear that Algebra is the class that brings up the fastest stomach reactions. There just seems to be someting about equations that makes your stomach rumble. Equations, roots, pi's and powers are all problems in Algebra, and chewed pencils worn earsers, and piles of paper are some answers.

Not even the business classes can escape the horrible demands of an unsatisfied stomach. Basic Business, Accounting, Typing, and Record Keeping are always being interrupted.





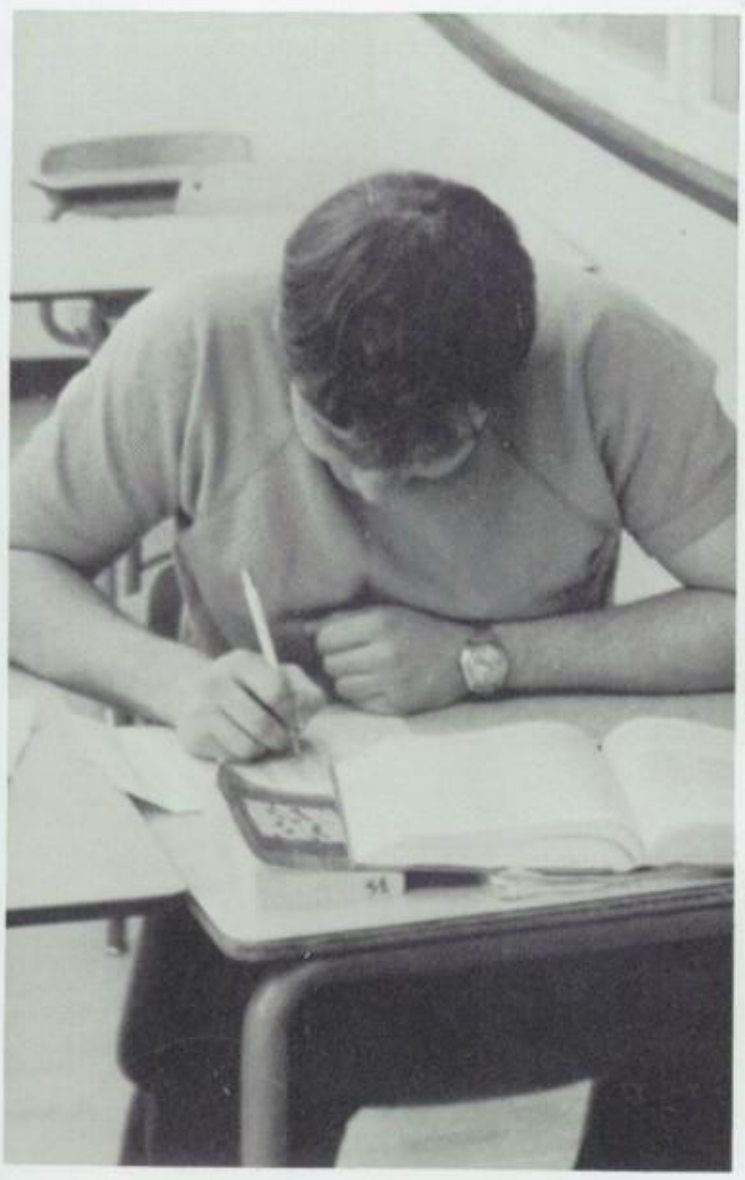
Senior Kris Shultz supporting one of SW newest crazes, the afro, listens in Algebra II class. Even though Mr. Barkdull insisted he was only 21, his Office Skills class threw him a "Sweet 27" birthday party. The date? March 3rd, 49.

PERIOD

For the first time, cadet teachers were used at SW. Don Stacy helped in the Art Department with the younger students.

Junior Jay Tucker takes a free moment to work on a business assignment. Worn erasers and chewed pencils were often the results of homework.

Chopping wood is sophomore, Don Harris. Wood sculpture was a new project added to the Ad. Art Class.



4TH

Because fourth period is when high school choir and band is offered, the students have named it "The Music Hour".

Many days Mr. Maloney has to start his class with the question, "Who has my baton?", but the band classes get alot of work done. The junior and senior band classes are usually working on one of their marching, concert, or pep band performances.

The combined high school choir class eliminated many after school practices, but it takes a lot of time, effort and a big measure of patience to blend nearly 150 separate voices into a quality high school choir, as well as lead the swing choir and the junior choir.

The values and issues class is designed so students can express ideas on current events and values. Mrs. Mittlesteadt said, "At the end of the year, what your opinions are aren't important. What matters is that you know why you feel the way you do."

Again this year SW offered English mini-courses. Each student could choose four courses in subjects ranging from philosophy to grammar. Junior high English consisted of grammar and spelling.

ABOVE: Charles Conwell, playing his snare drum in the junior high band, carefully watches Mr. Maloney.
RIGHT: Eighth grader Brenda Holloway concentrates on a difficult question on her history test.
ABOVE RIGHT: The comic section of the JOURNAL-GAZETTE distracts senior Rick Gentis as he looks for current events articles for his values and issues scrapbook.

PERIOD

ABOVE: Junior Sherry Bradley gets ready to play her valve trombone in concert band.
ABOVE LEFT: "Play it again Kam," says Carlene Carnes to Kammy Smith. These girls are the two major pianists for the high school choir.
LEFT: "I can take it," say sophomore Chuck Baker as Sid Rose demonstrated the ancient art of Kung-Fu for a demonstration speech in one of the English classes.

5TH

By fifth period, one would think that all students physical problems would be gone. It's late enough for the early morning sleepiness to be gone, and lunch is already over. But unfortunately other problems are brought about. One: overeatting. It brings some horrible stomach cramps. And two: restlessness. After a long free and easy lunch period, it's hard to settle down to the routine of classes.

Whether it's good or not isn't the question, but some of the physical education classes are taught right after lunch, fifth period. Sports, games, and other activities were tackled by the PE students. And contrary to popular belief, PE was not invented to kill off undesirable gym students. It's to teach sportsmanship, coordination, and skill. (and if you die in the process . . . well . . . .!)

Even if your completely satisfied after lunch, many students still find room to munch on the little goodies served in the language classes.

You see, language isn't the only thing learned. The students are taught about the different cultures, dress, music, and food of others.

Also, one out of the two ICE classes are taught fifth period. The fifth period class is for the morning ICE students. Mr. Barkdull works with the seniors to help them learn about their jobs, employers, pay and others.

And last is Geometry. Sometimes if you think hard enough about lines and angles, you forget about your stomach achs and restlessness. Or maybe it'd be the opposite.

The seventh grade PE classes take place fifth period. These two photos show the PE boys busily painting the baseball bleachers, and Carol Stuart being timed for the 50 yd. dash.

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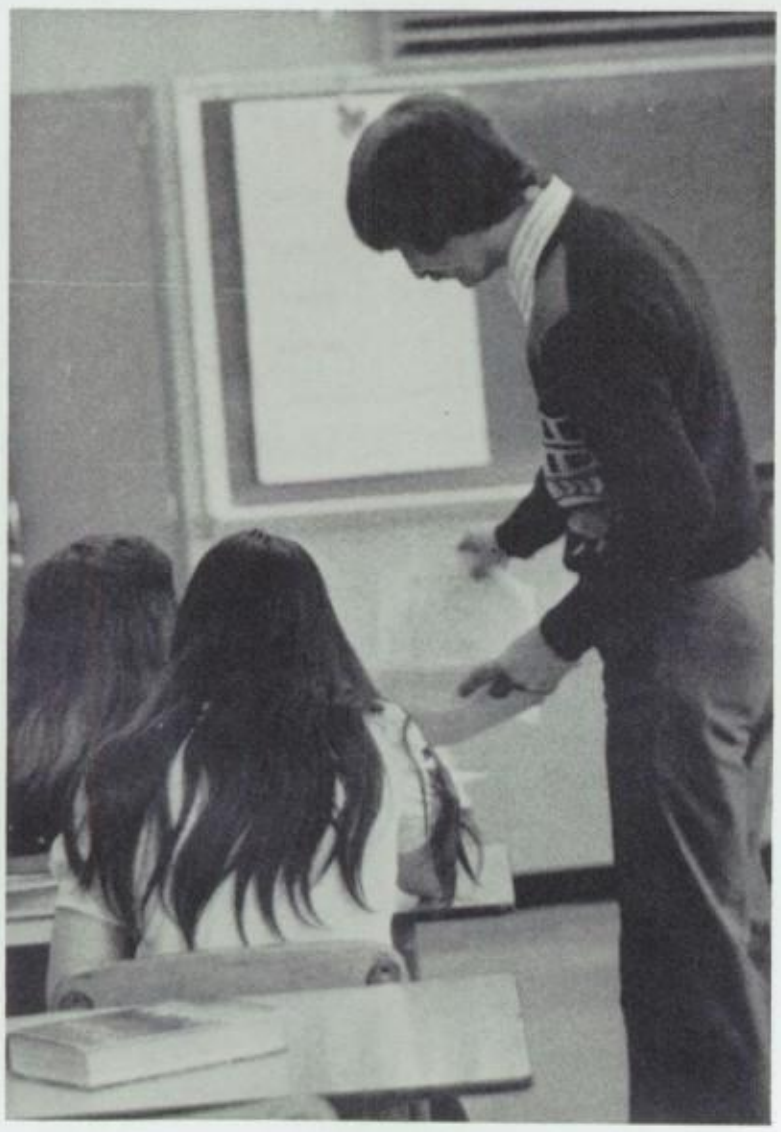


Senior, Kathy Dollier, studies during her last week at SW.

Mr. Steven Barkdull explains a class assignment to a student.

Ron McCune dishes out some of the munchies served during language class.

6TH

By sixth hour everyone is usually thoroughly frustrated. Students and teachers alike are getting tired and are trying to get the day's work finished.

The social studies program at SW starts in junior high where students get a mixture of US history, Indiana history, sociology, and geography. Sophomore students are required to take world history, while juniors have US history: and seniors, government.

Psychology and values are also offered, but are not required for graduation. Every social studies class at SW includes some study of current events.

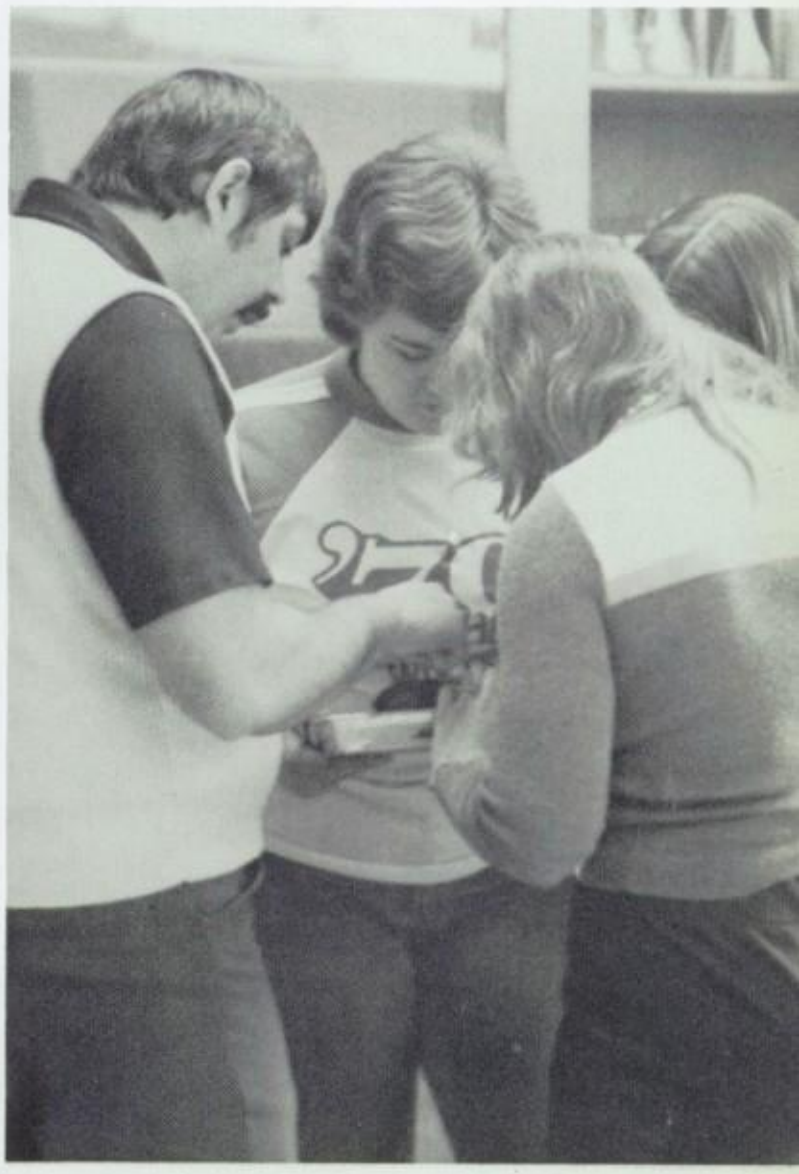
In chemistry the students learn the basic concepts of chemistry. They work with problem solving in chemistry and analise the outcome of the reactions between elements. Junior Linda Wrestler commented, "I like the size of the class, it's small, ten people."

Students in journalism spent the sixth hour of the day putting this book together. Getting out a yearbook involves planning ad and book sales campaigns, planning the book, writing and typing copy, planning page layouts, and many, many other tasks.

The Ag Department is one of the school's busiest areas. The same five areas of agriculture are emphasised in all ag classes, eighth grade through senior years. Students study sales and service, horticulture, crop production, ag mech anics, and forestry and wildlife conservation.

PERIOD

OPPOSITE PAGE ABOVE: No, it's not a man from Mars, It's just senior Jay Hess demonstrating the proper way to torch weld.
BELOW: Mr. James Roush is always willing to lend a helping hand to his chemistry students. Here Mr. Roush helps junior Tammy Grover and seniors Sherri Meade and Vicki Harshamn with a difficult experiment while Melanie Kellogg takes notes.



ABOVE: "To tell you the truth, I'm not really sure what it is either." says Mr. Sell as her and three of his biology students study a biological fing.
LEFT: "If they can get a ship in a bottle we should be able to get this egg in here." Sophomores Jeff Craig and Chris Schmidt grade eggs in ag class.
ABOVE LEFT: "Well what next?" This seems to be what Sherry Elliott and Gwen Leas seem to be asking of yearbook advisor Ms. Schaefer.

7TH

Seventh hour, with its home ec and industrial art classes, is spent teaching students skills for the future.

Because of limited facilities and budget, the industrial arts class must sometimes be ingenious in teaching carpentry and building skills. To learn the basics, students plan a building and then construct a scale model of it.

Skills involving everything used in construction are studied by means of the mini-construction.

The advanced classes this year were able to get practical experience in these skills when they helped Mr. Hamilton complete his new garage.

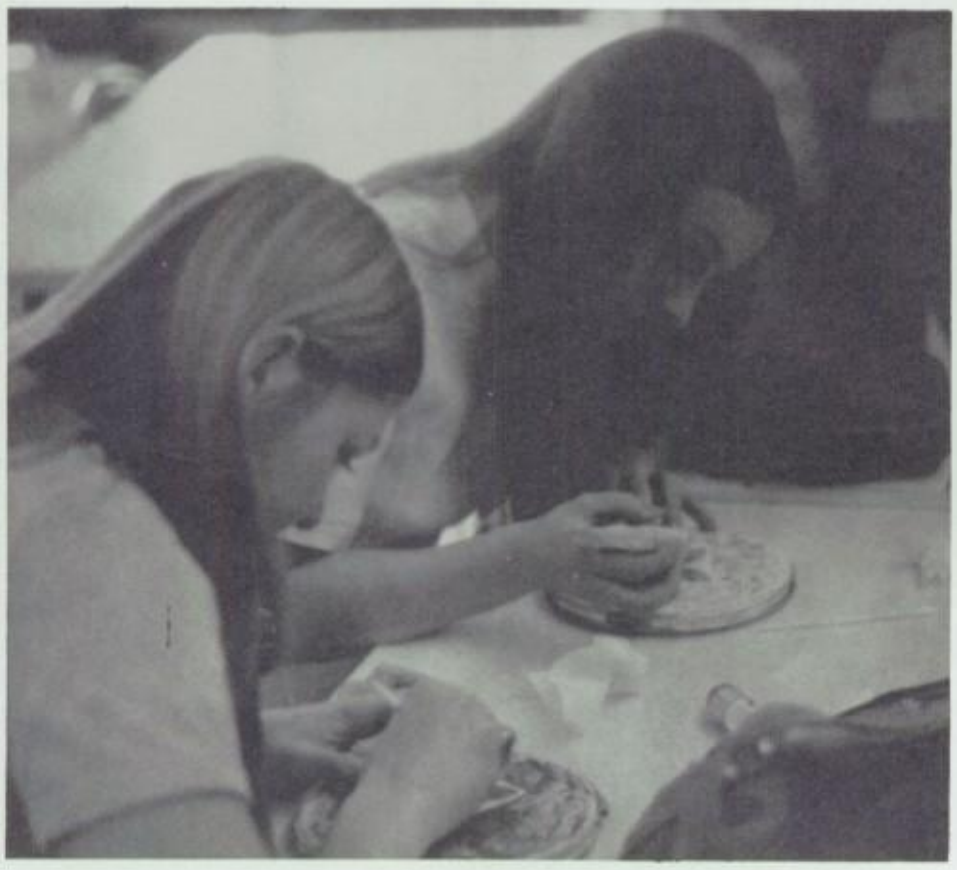
While industrial arts concentrates on building homes, home economics teaches everything needed to manage one. Basic nutrition, food planning and preparation, serving and decorating ideas, textiles, clothing construction, grooming and family health, and money management are areas of study. Students may advance from stuffing pillows and baking cookies up to tailoring, pattern design and serving complete dinners.

The Home Ec Department also helps sponsor the General Mills-Betty Crocker "Family Leader of Tomorrow" award. Sherry Elliott received the certificate after competing with other students on a written test which evaluated the home management knowledge.

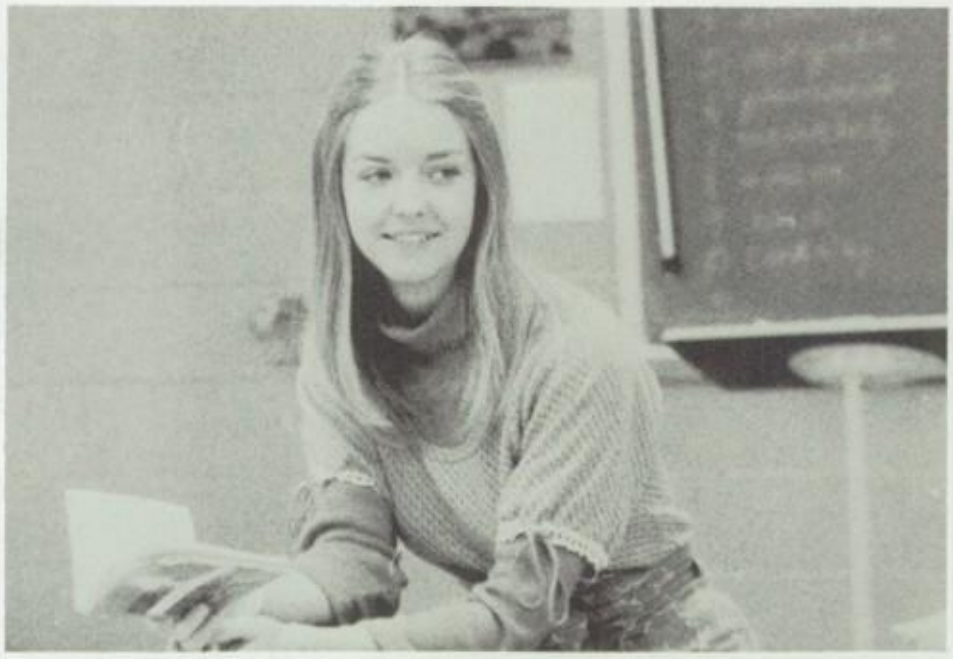
ABOVE - Jim Jenson adds the finishing touches.
RIGHT - Kim Patterson, Lisa Carnes and Brenda Banter sample food.

PERIOD

LEFT - Keith Betts glues together a small house during construction class. BELOW - Connie Tyner models a wedding gown for the audience during the annual Home Ec fashion show and open house.



LEFT - Karen Buckland and Terrie Slusher paint pictures on a small patch of material after Mrs. Vernie Osborn did a demonstration on decorating with Artex.



Ms. Linda Schaefer

Miss Linda Schaefer did not have to face the problem of a name change when she married Mr. Denny Schaefer in early October. Mrs. Schaefer teaches some of the English mini-courses and journalism. She is also the advisor of the Southern Wells 'Charger'.

The annual Valentine Dance and Raffle would not have been possible without the efforts of the dance's sponsor Susan Bobbitt. Ms. Bobbitt teaches French and Spanish and is also a sponsor of the eighth grade class.

Ms. Susan Bobbitt

Did you see Mr. Roush in any parades last summer? He marches with the American Legion Color Guard. Mr. Roush teaches science at S. W. He is a sponsor of the sophomore class and is coach of the golf team. Mr. Roush farms, does electrical wiring, and likes to fish.

Mr. James Roush

Mrs. Kim Bushong

Kim Bushong uses her past career as a cheerleader at Central Noble High School to sponsor the pep club and cheerleaders. Mrs. Bushong teaches math and is also a sponsor of the junior class.

Miss Camille Centers

If any of the S. W. teachers likes to "horse around" it would be Miss Centers. Miss Centers raises horses. She teaches seventh grade and earth science, and is a sponsor of the sophomore class.

Miss Kathy Rhodes

Does Miss Rhodes look like a "military brat" to you? Before he retired her father was a professional military men. Miss Rhodes teaches English and psychology. She is also a sponsor of the eighth grade class.

Mr. Dan Emrick

Have you ever wondered who is the man that jogs every day on Blackford county roads? It's Mr. Dan Emrick, business, health, typing, and driver's training teacher at S. W. Mr. Emrick likes to work on cars, (he drives a Triumph 'Spitfire'). He is coach of the junior varsity basketball team and is sponsor of the frosh. class.

When asked to name one of his very favorite things Mr. Stauffer replied, "Food". Mr. Stauffer teaches vocational agriculture and is the sponsor of the Southern Wells Chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

Mr. Steve Stauffer

Mr. Mike Bushong

Mr. Bushong has the job of being in charge of the dreaded detention room. Students are sent to detention for dicipline. Mr. Bushong teaches mathematics. He is coach of the cross-country and track teams, and is a sponsor of the running club and the seventh grade class.

Mrs. Myrna Levy

Finding Mrs. Myrna Levy isn't always easy. It's not that she goes into hiding, it's just that she blends in so well with the S. W. students. This is Mrs. Levy's first year here. She teaches home ec. and physical education. She also sponsors the cheerleaders and pep club. Mrs. Levy is coach of the gymnastics team and is a sponsor of the seventh grade class.

Who else but Mr. White would brave their bare legs to the cold winter wind and wear their gym shorts to school to save time. Mr. White teaches physical education. He is the baseball coach and founder of the annual Southern Wells One-on-One Basketball Tourney.

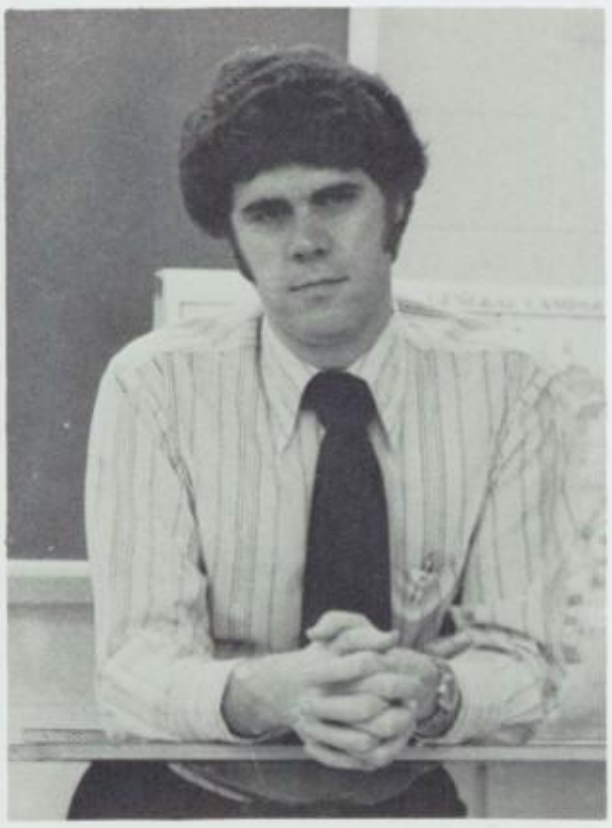
Mr. Steve Barkdull

One of the new S. W. teachers has experience in dealing with hold-up men. Mr. Barkdull was thrown in a freezer while men robbed the Marsh store where he worked. (Does this explain why some of his students think Mr. Barkdull has a 'cool' personality?) Mr. Barkdull teaches business and is in charge of the I. C. E. program.

Mr. Curt White

Mr. Jerry Penrod

Mr. Jerry Penrod wonders if he will ever get his car back. The sixth period automotives class has had the car since September, and now in Feburary, they still have it. Mr. Penrod teaches seventh grade and U.S. history. He sponsors the freshman class and is a coach of the freshman basketball and junior high football teams.



Mrs. Simpson really likes boat travel. She and her husband have explored over 300 miles of the Tenn. River by boat. Mrs. Simpson teaches English and is a sponsor of the Sunshine Club.

Mrs. Donna Simpson

Did you ever wonder how the S.W. athletes got to be so big and strong? Maybe we owe some of the success to Mr. Sell's protein drink that the guys drink after weight training. Mr. Sell teaches biology and general science. He is also an assistant football coach and sponsors the senior class and science club.

Mr. Larry Sell

Mrs. Susie Mullett

Mrs. Mullett does not like snakes. She proved that last summer on a canoe trip. When a snake went into the canoe, Mrs. Mullett went out of the canoe into the water. Mrs. Mullett teaches freshman grammar and English minicourses. She is the drama club and freshman class sponsor.

Mr. James Hotopp

Mr. James Hotopp bit the dust late in December and joined the already crowded, and ever-growing list of married Southern Wells teachers. Mr. Hotopp teaches US History and seventh grade history. He is coach of the jr. high football team, eighth grade basketball team and the jr. high track team.

Mrs. Betty Cline

One would think that after nine years of teaching school, a teacher would gradually run out of fresh ideas. Not the case with Mrs. Betty Cline. Even though 1976 is her tenth year at SW, she can still come up with effective ideas for her choir class, plus offer plenty of good suggestions for the SW Singers. This year Mrs. Cline is working with a new jr. high choir, and added it to the Christmas Concert and many other music activities.

Mr. David Baker

As any art student will admit, Mr. David Baker is a very good, yet strange, artist. For years, he played with his face in an effort to remain "eternally young", a trick he learned from an old college friend. But when welts, bruises and middle-age wrinkles set in anyway, he stopped. His renaissance beard, height, white tube socks, brown boots and Ali Baba belt buckle add to his unique character.

Mr. Doug Maloney

"Good morning students! It's now seven o'clock so let's get started!" Sometimes Mr. Maloney's "one more time folks" and his wide awakeness at early morning practice can get to be a real drag, but Doc, as he is known by his students, is an "OK teacher". Mr. Maloney teaches the jr. high and senior high band and sponsors the Southern Wells Marching Raiders, pep band and the concert band.

Ms. Wendy Cavan

With the mighty call of "Do-wa-diddy", Ms. Wendy Cavan led the girls volleyball, basketball, and track teams through rain, sleet and bus breakdowns to one of the most successful seasons in the history of SW.

Mrs. Kathryn Foy

The next time you are babysitting, and are having trouble with the kids, just call Mrs. Kathyrn Foy. She says that one of her favorite things to do is babysit with her grandchildren. Mrs. Foy comes to the school three half-days a week to coordinate the schools I. C. E. program.

Mr. William Hancock

As surprizing as it may seem, the students at SW have a new acrobat in their midst, Mr. William Hancock. When asked about his amazing ability, Mr. Hancock replied quite modestly "Oh! I've been doing cartwheels since I was in jr. high". Mr. Hancock teaches industrial arts, and is the sponsor of the freshman class. He is also the assistant football coach.

Mrs. Debbie Brown

When a stranger enters her classroom, they're hit with the question, "Hey you! Ya wanna see a picture of my kid?" She's a fantastic fact freak, and one of the best storytellers at SW. Can you guess who it is? Well, it's Mrs. Debbie Brown. Mrs. Brown sponsor the junior class, Sunshine, and teaches English mini courses.

Mrs. Nellie Williams ↓

Quite often one may hear someone say, "Mrs. Government? Opps! I'm sorry. I mean Mrs. Williams?" Mrs. Nellie Williams has been teaching government at SW since the three schools have consolidated, and her name and the word, 'government' have become synonomous. Besides government, Mrs. Williams teaches seventh grade history, and is also the seventh grade sponsor.

Mrs. Diane Fuelling ←

The 1976 year was Ms. Diane Fuelling first time at SW, and she took on the task of leading the jr. and sr. high FHA girls to a successful season. Ms. Fuelling teaches Family Living and some of the Home Ec. classes.

Mrs. Linda Oxenrider ↓

Mrs. Linda Oxenrider wasn't seen around the circles of SW very often this year, but she had an excellent excuse. The excuse was six pounds one ounce, soft and cuddly. No, no!! Not a new puppy! A daughter, Jennifer Erin.

Mrs. Sally Mittlestedt ↑

Being one of the "best cooks this side of Keystone" isn't an easy, reputation to live up to, but Mrs. Sally Mittlestedt usually manages to do just that at her annual christmas party for the History Club. Mrs. Mittlestedt is the sponsor of the History Club, along with the junior class, and teaches World History and Values.

Mr. Roland Fritts ↓

Here comes Mr. Roland C Fritts in his pride and joy, a beautiful, old Chevy! Mr. Fritts is sponsor of the twelve member concession club and also the sophomore class. He teaches eighth grade math, seventh grade science, and physics. Besides his car, Mr. Fritts enjoys farming, and working with his stereo.

Mr. Lloyd Biberstine was the SW superintendant during the '76 year. Together with the board members and other school officials, he faced problems that the year brought about.

Every school year changes from the year before, and 1976 was no exception. New regulations about classes, lunch hour, teachers, and other changes caused an uproar from the students until everyone settled down into a routine.

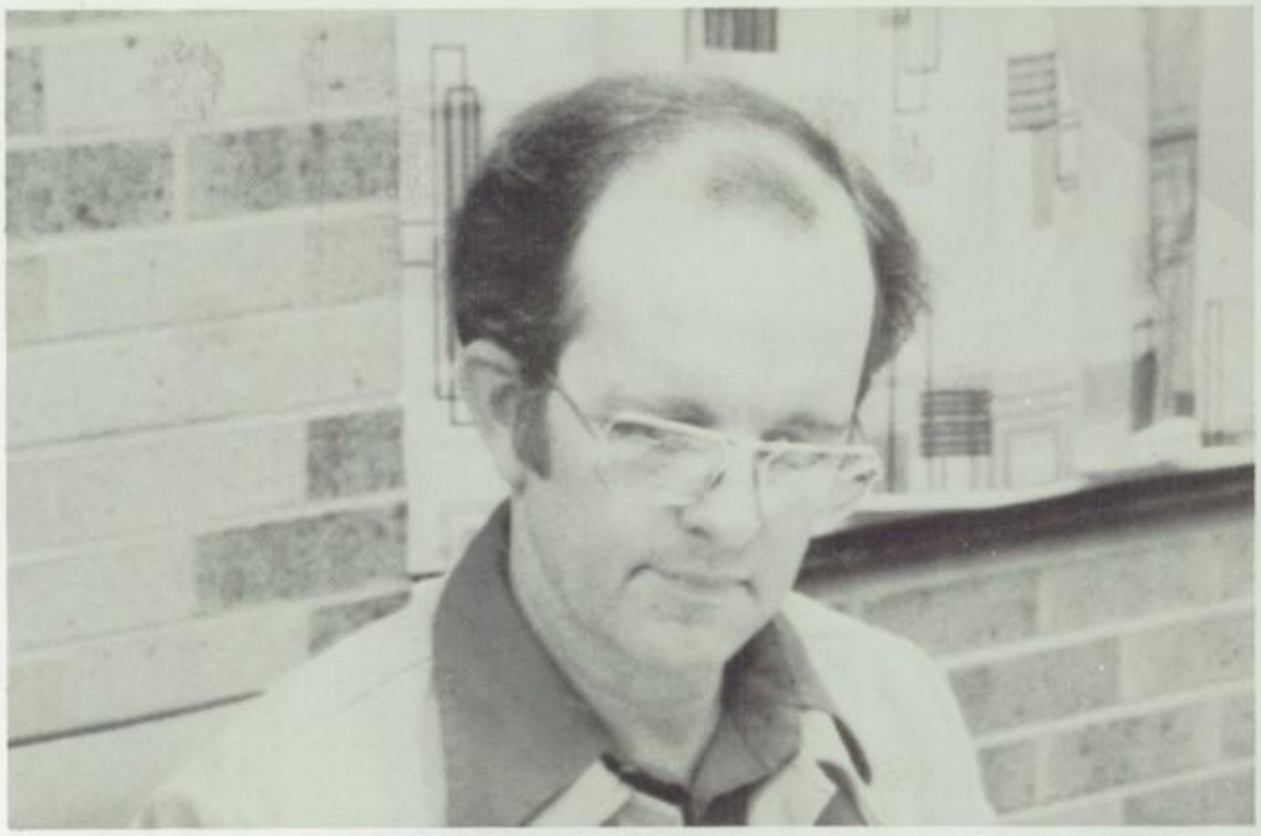
That routine included teachers supervising the hallways and lunchroom, new rules concerning the gymnasium, and limits on the great outdoors at SW. The administration showed that they could, and would, crack down and demand that the new rules be followed. But they also proved they were interested in the students and helped add more to the school year. Two extra minutes between each class, better school lunches, and classroom brightened up with lively paint were all additions that improved the conditions of SW environment.

When asked to comment on the '76 year, Mr. William Couch said, "For me I consider this year's student body one of the most settled and well-mannered we've had at SW. They were especially very considerate of me." This was Mr. Couch's last year at the circles of SW. After six years of being principal in this school system, he will move on to the Blackford system and be Superintendent at Blackford High School.

Swamped with student problems and surrounded by confusion, Mrs. Wilma Lee and Mrs. Myrna Neff worked in the office as school secretaries.

➔ MR. WILLIAM J. COUCH was the principal at Southern Wells this year.

➔ The board members for the Southern Wells Community School Corporation were President Jack Wilson, Vice-President Glen Dunn, Secretary John Gilbert, and Laison Ward Showalter. Superintendent Lloyd Bieberstein was not pictured.

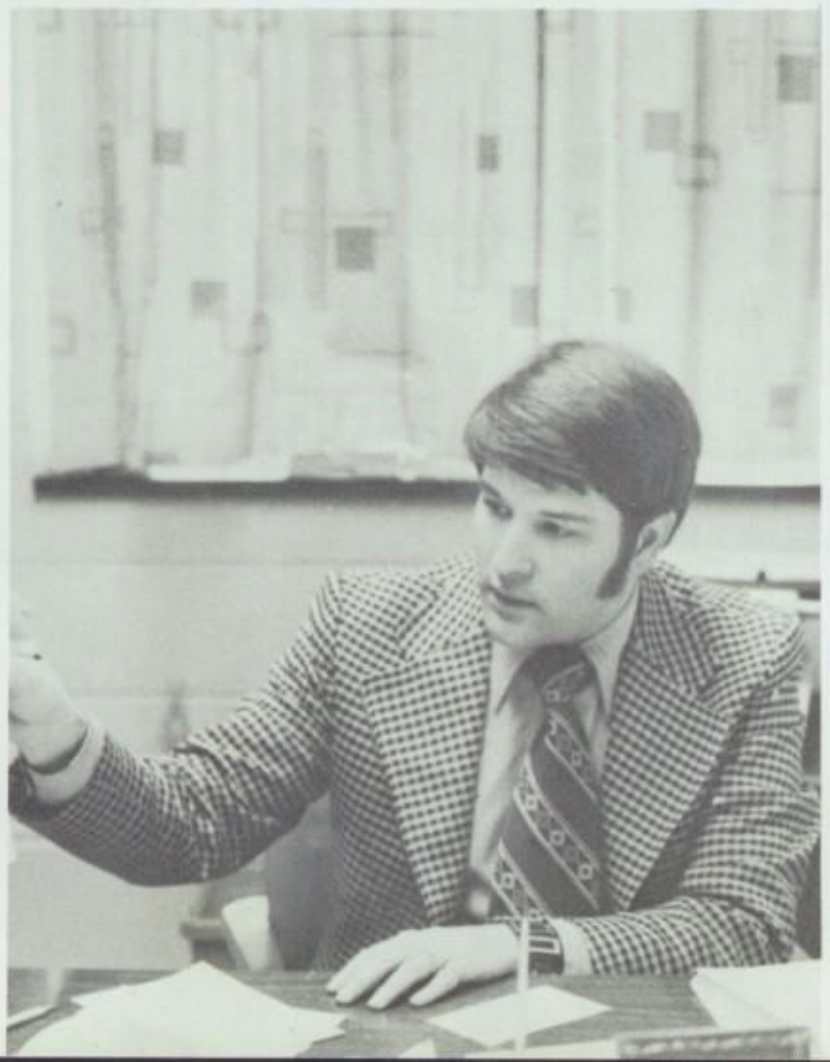


MR. RICHARD D. HAMILTON was junior high principal and taught an industrial arts class.

MRS. SALLY TINKLE served as guidance director

MR. EDWIN D. SHIPLEY was athletic director, head basketball coach, and driver's training teacher.

The secretaries were: MRS. SUE HARSHMAN, secretary to the superintendant: MRS. MARIE RICE, cooperation treasurer; MRS. WILMA LEE, high school secretary: and seated, MRS. MYRNA NEFF, high school bookkeeper.



Custodians ▶

Carey Gaier, Walter Coyle, Marlene Brainerd and Robert Graves

Mrs. Judy Archbold ▼

Mrs. Archbold and her family have been playing 'musical houses'; in the last six years they have lived in seven different homes. Here at S.W. she's busy tending the libarary.

Mrs. Kober, sponsor of the health careers club, has been dubbed 'The Smiley Lady'. Normally you will find her tending the school's health needs.

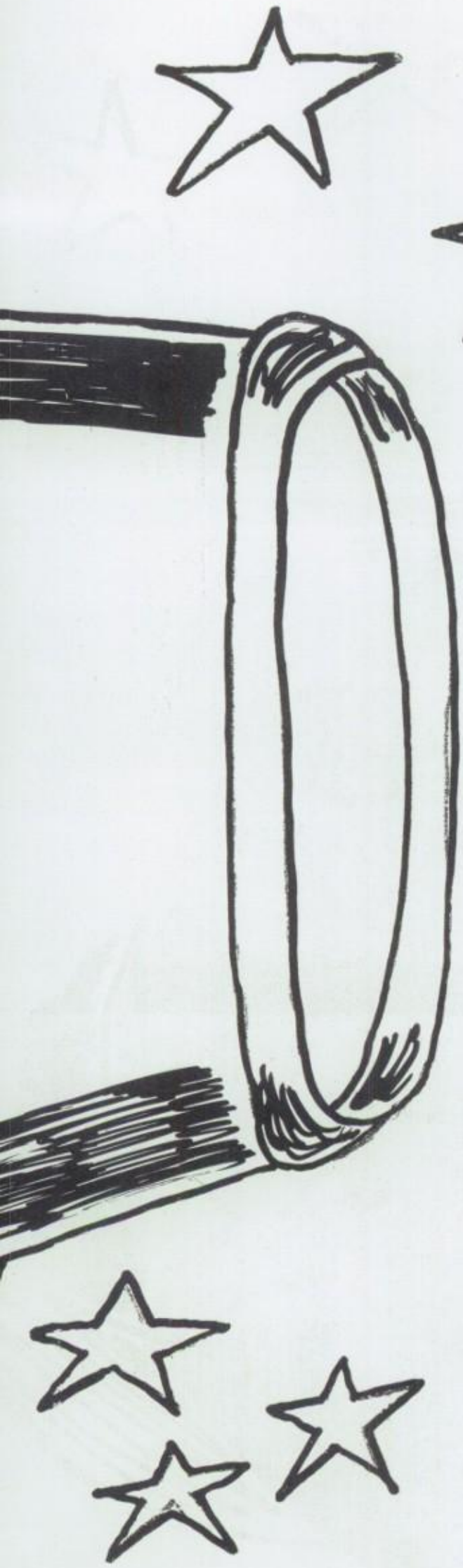
Mrs. Jean Kober ◀

▲ Bus Drivers

STANDING: Max Smeltzer, Francis Fisher, Taylor Anderson, Ben Soper, Glenna Plumber, Jack Monce, Pearl Fisher, John Williams, Luella Geisel, Martha Sparks
KNEELING: Jim Higgins, Perry Lee, Ed Oswalt
Not Pictured: Dean Mounsey, Rod Mounsey, Dwight Pace, Pat Garrett, Mike Garrett

◀ Cooks

STANDING: Beverly Perry, Joyce Sills, Gladys Pinkerton, Margret Masterson, Janet Hartman
SITTING: Donna Cochran, Ruth Stroud, Jessie Nash, Roseanna Smith

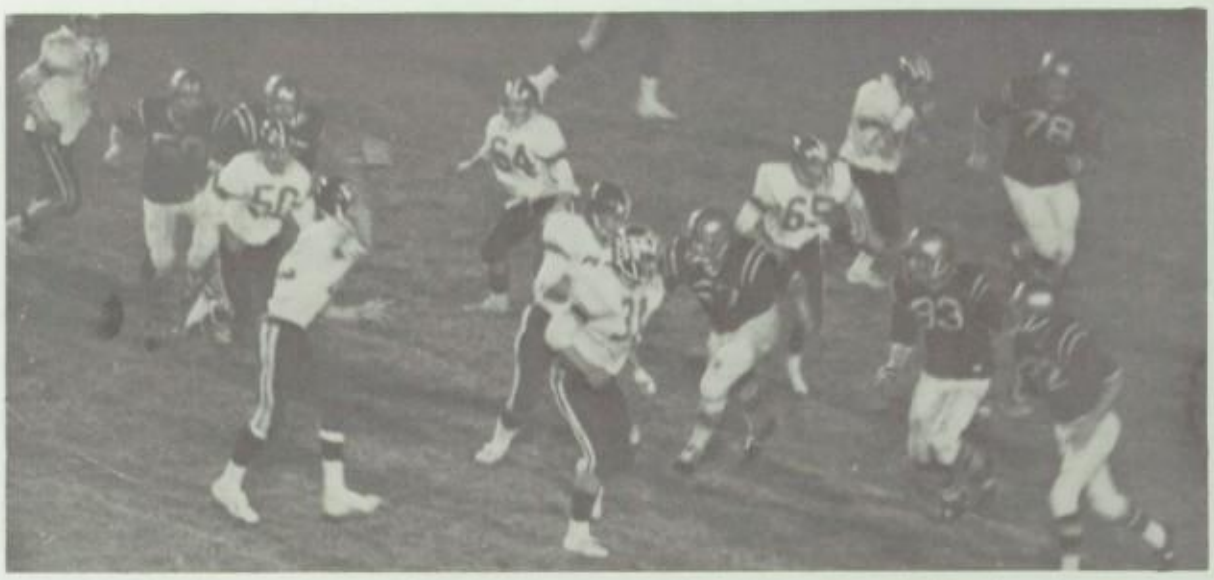


Leading the charge

Northfield 24, SW 42 . . . Gary Flaugher, UPI All-State Running Back . . . Randolph Southern 48, SW 107 . . . nine game winning streak . . . ACAC co-champions . . . Wes-Del Invitational . . . first girls basketball victory . . .

This year was definitely the sparking of a Raider Revolution in SW sports. In fact the title of this book is taken from a huge sign hung in the gym by the cheerleaders describing the 1975-76 SW sports season. Football finally became recognized as a major sport as Coach Taylor lead his team to a 4-6 record behind such names as Gary Flaugher, Steve Gearheart, Mike Carter, and Larry Palmer. Coach Shipley led the varsity basketball squad through another successful season as they captured their second ACAC co-championship in as many years. Ms. Cavan lead her girls basketball team to their first victory with a 50-48 decision over Adams Central. In fact in each sport, outstanding achievements and improvements highlighted the season. SW sports made more advancements this year than ever before. People are finally looking at SW as a tough competitor capable of winning decisively. Surely its been athletics that's put SW on the map.

LEFT - Coach Curt White gives defensive captain Dave Flaugher a few sideline tips during varsity action against Wes-Del. BELOW - Senior quarterback Steve Gearheart rifles a short pass over the center.



	SW	OPP
Eastside	6	0
Wes Del	28	45
Bluffton	6	12
Leo	12	14
Union City	15	21
Heritage	6	13
Adams Central	26	13
Norwell	21	23
Churubusco	38	12
Northfield	42	24

ABOVE - For the first time in SW varsity football history, the scoreboard registers a home victory. The Raider victim was Eastside in a 6-0 decision. RIGHT - Coach Ted Taylor runs through an important play with Steve Gearheart and Roland James. BELOW - Bill Michael and Skip Katte pull down an opposing ball carrier as Chuck Baker rushes in to assist.

VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM - FIRST ROW - Stan Bales, manager, Dick Miller, Carl Craig, Roland James, Skip Katte, Mike Carter, and Brian Williams, manager. SECOND ROW - Scott Mossburg, manager, Dennis Lockwood, Dan Minnich, Don Minnich, Dave Flaugher, Brian Roush, Dale Gardner, Tim Schortgen, Mark Leas, Phil Schortgen, Larry Rains, and Brian Cassiday, manager. THIRD ROW - Marty McDaniel, Jack Capper, Chuck Baker, Gary Pinkerton, Larry Palmer, Bill Michael, Larry Smith, Brian Reaser, Jim Jensen, Jeff Craig, and Ivan Beeks.

Gridsmen rewrite records

Optimism ran high for the 1975 Varsity football squad, especially in the offensive backfield. Two year letterman Steve Gearhart would be in command as quarterback, while two year letterman Mike Carter and three year letterman Gary Flaugher would compose the seasoned and power-packed backfield.

The '75 Raider squad ran up a respectable and greatly improved 4-6 record, but even this doesn't tell the whole story. Of the six losses gained over SW, five were by 6 points or less. The other game was against Wes-Del, who finished their season as State Class A Runner-ups.

The '75 Raiders literally rewrote the record books as they finally played football as it has never been played before at SW. With the first game of the season, the griders recorded the school's first home victory and the first shut-out in a 6-0 decision over highly regarded Eastside. After a short string of heartbreaking defeats, the Raiders bounced back to add an exciting climax to an outstanding Homecoming week as they walked over Adams Central, 26-13.

The next game, a washed-out version of the Mud Bowl, saw victory slip out of the Raider's hands in the final plays of the game. The squad bounced back to finish the season with a pair of wins over 'Busco and Northfield.

The year saw a new offensive record of 200 points and a new defensive low of 177 points, the first time the offensive total has topped the combined opponents' scores. Four victories were an obviously outstanding achievement, but Coach Taylor was disappointed that it wasn't better. So, once again, people are saying, "Next year. . ."

Jr. High, freshmen combined for 6 wins

The 1975 freshmen football squad, under the direction of coaches Larry Sell and Bill Hancock finished its season with a 2-1 record. They scored over Salamonie, 14-8 and won the Jamboree, 8-6

STANDING - Managers, Brian Cassiday, Stan Bales, Brian Williams, and Scott Mossburg. SITTING - Tom Hartman, Ron Stuart, Rod Meyer, Chuck Roop, Mitch Davis, Tim Gregg, Ron Woten, Bob Bower, Mark Penrod, Brian Reaser, Phil Roush, Mike Maddox, Rob Pease, Randy Kellogg, and Brian Couch.

The 8th grade football team, lead by coaches Dick Foy, Jim Hotopp, and Jerry Penrod, finished with a 2-5 season standing. The 8th grade squad scored wins over West Jay, 10-0 and Montpelier, 16-8.

FIRST ROW - Larry Stewart, Steve Smith, Kevin Roush, Greg Pinkerton, Kenny Shoewalter, manager. SECOND ROW - Wendal Smith, Ron McCune, Dennis Leas, Steve Graham, Ted Alberson. THIRD ROW - Chris Killingbeck, Jay Holloway, Dave Wallace, Scott Slusher, Jeff Capper, Jeff Stroud.

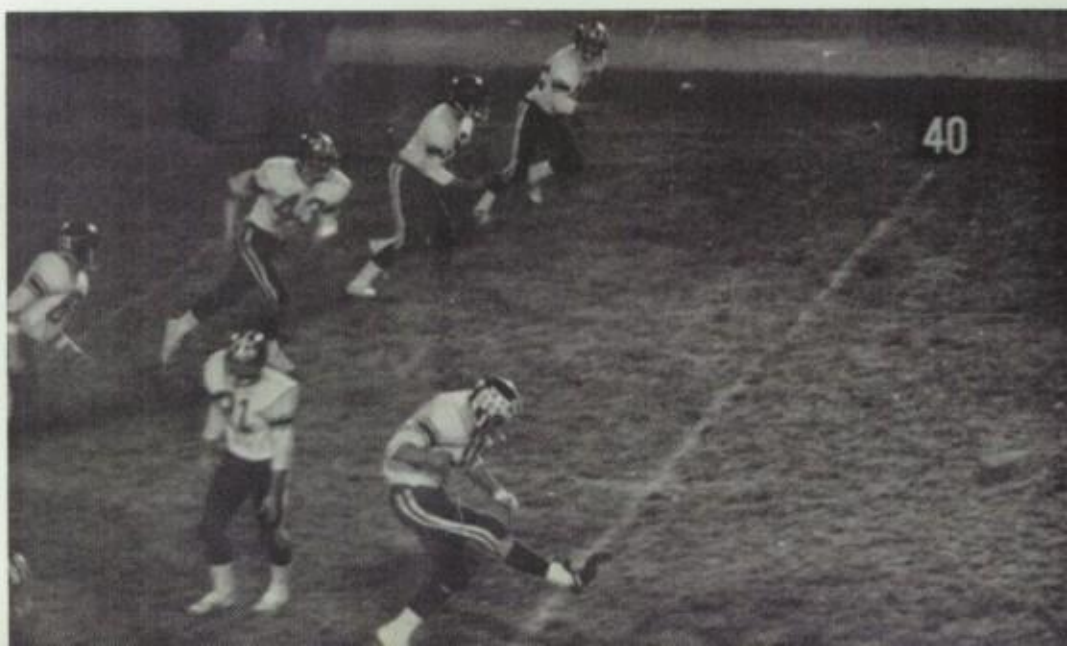
The 7th grade football team, coached by Penrod, Hotopp, and Foy, ran a season record of two wins and four losses. Those wins came in 8-0 games over West Jay and Salamonie.

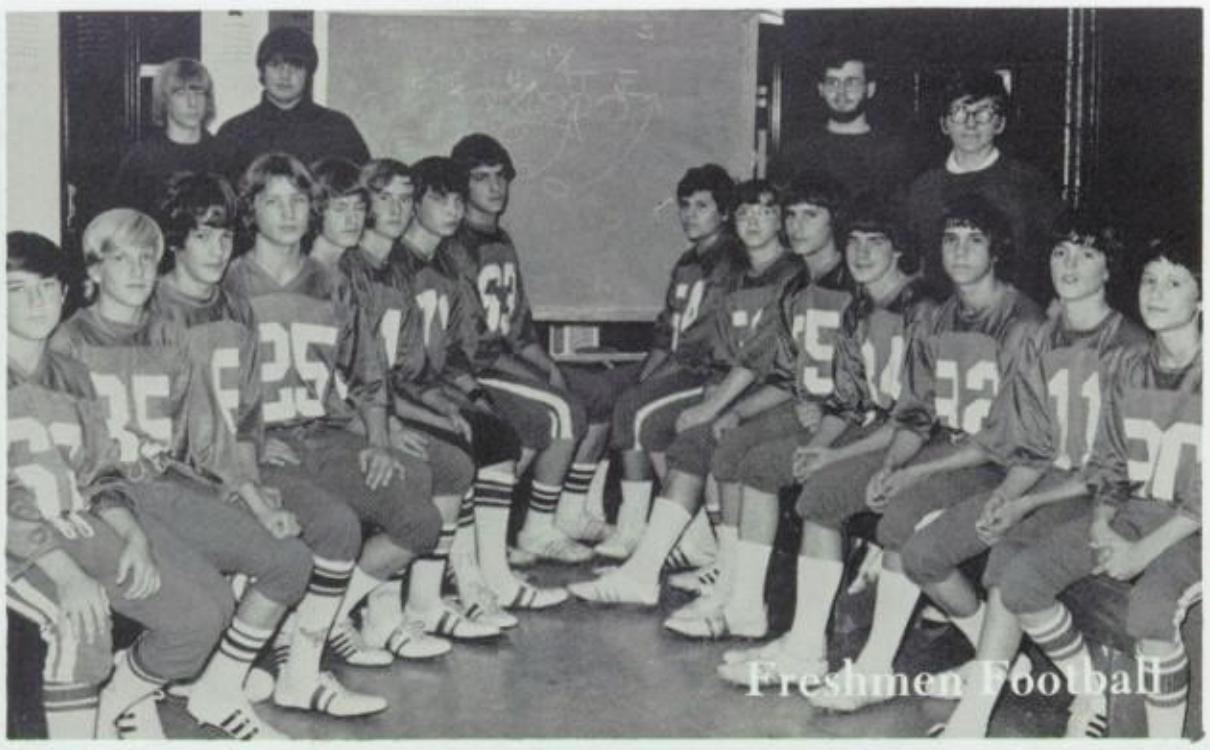
FIRST ROW - Sam Towns, Brian Dollier, Pat Carter, Greg Johnson, Kurt Myers. SECOND ROW - Scott Carroll, Kurt Kitts, Rod Reaser, Joe Zoda, Nathan Stout, manager. THIRD ROW Earl Ewart, Jack Jones, Jerry Pursifull, Brad Snow, Bill Bonham. FOURTH ROW - Barry Kingery, Tim Wallace, Jeff Myers, Tod Bunch, Rob Davis.

Gary keys offense

This year's biggest challenge came in rebuilding the offensive line. Senior Kris Shultz, juniors Larry Palmer and Larry Smith, and sophomores Gary Pinkerton, Dale Gardner and Tim Schortgen were brought together in what would prove to be the best line in SW history.

Despite their outstanding performances, the star of the show was Gary Flaugher. Area newspapers described Flaugher as "plowing," "Muscling," "driving," and "drilling" his way through every opponent that attempted to stop him. Gary's recognition spread statewide and reached several nationally prominent colleges. Gary tallied 130 points and accumulated an unpredidented 1837 yards, leading the county rushing record. In the final game of the season, Gary ran for an unbelievable 302 yards and scored 38 of the team's 43 points, both career highs. Gary's final honors came in being selected to the UPI All-State Backfield and The Indiana All-Star North Team.



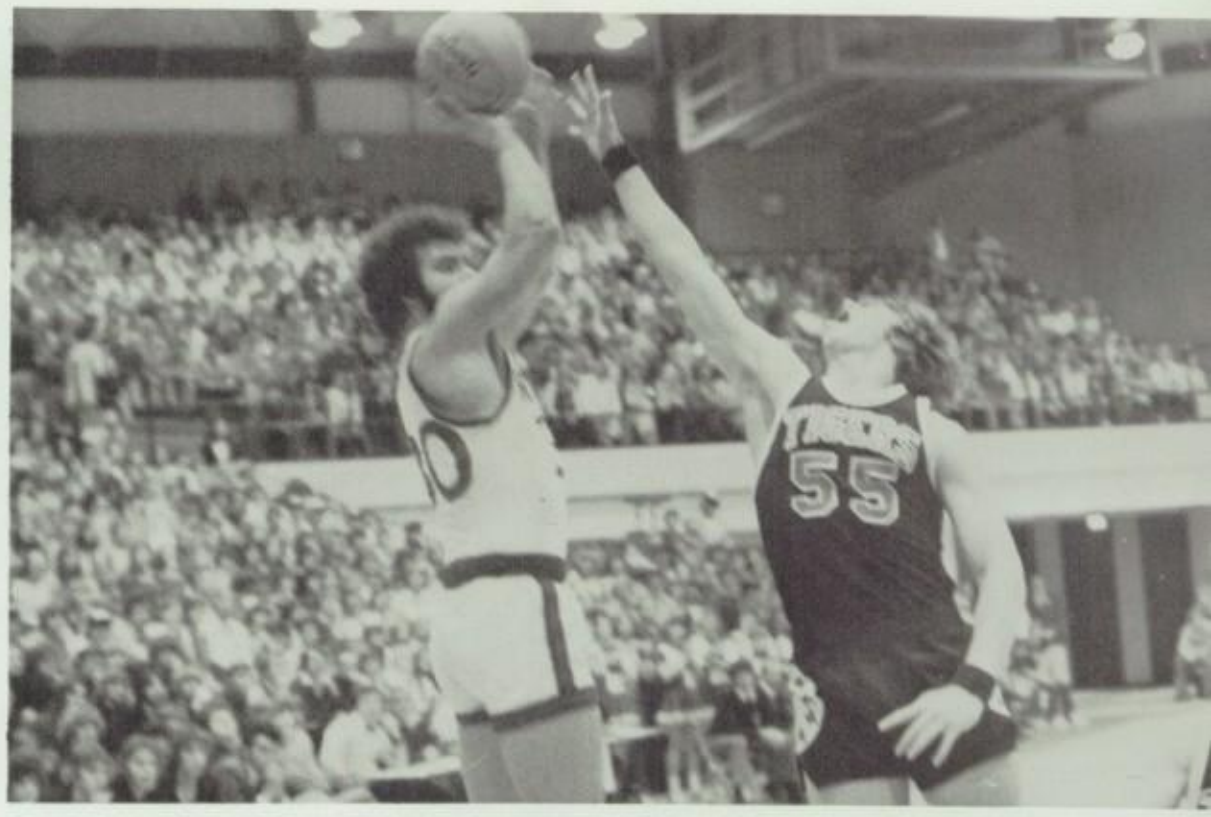


Freshmen Football

8th Grade Football

7th Grade Football

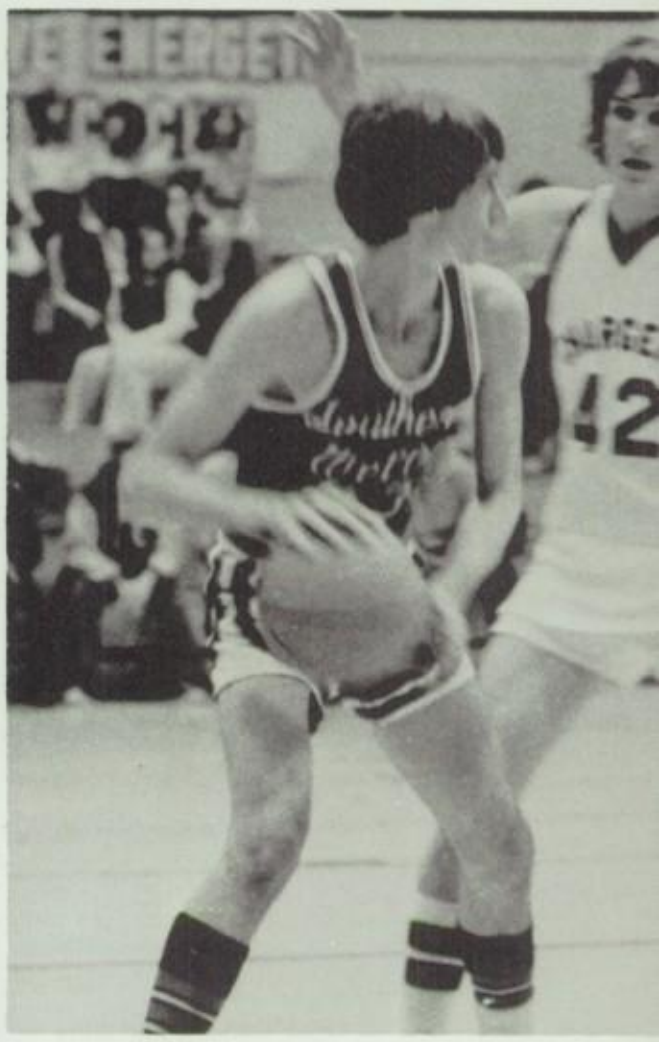
FAR ABOVE - Coach Hancock does his "victory cartwheel". ABOVE - Quarterback Steve Gearheart, selected to the ACAC All-Conference Team along with Carl Craig and Gary Flaugher, gives a pre-game pep talk. ABOVE LEFT - Gary Flaugher takes a quick breather while managers Scott Mossburg and Stan Bales work on his leg. LEFT - Gary Flaugher sends a long kick-off downfield to open the game.



1975-76 VARSITY BASKETBALL

	SW	OPP	
Adams Central	63	65	OT
Eastbrook	71	52	
Bluffton	77	65	
Union	95	66	
South Adams	74	68	
Randolph Southern	107	48	
Eastside	84	62	
Heritage	80	77	2OT
Carroll	75	68	
Woodlan	75	67	
Union City	82	78	OT
Monroe Central	74	61	
Wabash	92	78	
Wapahani	60	61	
Norwell	63	55	
Wes-Del	65	68	OT
Churubusco	100	67	
Leo	65	67	
ACAC TOURNEY			
Leo	56	63	
SECTIONAL			
Bluffton	74	76	

LEFT- Coach Shipley fires up the Raiders and yells some strategy changes to the anxious squad during a crucial time-out.
ABOVE LEFT- Tim Schortgen leaps through a crowd under the basket as he fights to get a shot off. Roland James watches nearby for a possible rebound.



ABOVE- Senior guard Steve Gearheart runs into trouble at the wrong end of the court at Carroll and looks down-court for some quick help.
RIGHT- Roland James lofts a short shot from under the basket for a quick two points. Meanwhile Phil Schortgen edges in for a possible rebound and Tim Schortgen stands ready for any action that might come his way.

VARSITY BASKETBALL- Skip Katte and Gary Pinkerton, managers. Coach Ed Shipley and Asst. Coach Dan Emrick.
STANDING- Gary Flaugher, Steve Gearheart, Bruce Ruble, Dave Lovell, Rick King, Roland James, Mike Carter, Phil Schortgen, Dave Flaugher, and Dave Oswalt. Gary Flaugher jumps beyond the Bluffton defenses for a quick shot in the Sectional opener. As Flaugher leaps high into the air to gain control of a tip in the Woodlan game, Steve Gearheart (32), Mike Carter (40), and Roland James (far right) wait for the outcome.

Raiders Tally 14-6 Season; Win Nine Straight

The Raider Revolution is nothing new to Southern Wells varsity basketball. When Ed Shipley came to SW in 1972, the basketball program did a complete turn around.

From 1966 to 1972, the school record was 39-88, an 11-11 season being the best. In four years as head coach, Shipley racked up a 57-29 standing with a 12-9 record being his worst. In '76, he and the Raiders had a 14-6 season, sharing the ACAC trophy with Leo and Adams Central.

The season began with a heartbreaking loss to ACAC rival Adams Central in a 63-65 overtime decision. But if that was discouraging, the next nine games must have been ecstatic. Surpassing the old record of five consecutive wins, the Raiders swept through those nine games with only one really close game. After two nail-biting overtimes, the Raiders edged past Heritage, 80-77.

Three weeks earlier, the Raider squad hit its winning peak. Routing Randolph Southern 107-48, Raiders set records in assists (31) and total team points, and tied records of game field goals (48) and consecutive wins.

Spirit was high as ACAC Tourney week began. Everyone feared our luck would run out, but SW was favored to win and doubt was cast aside. But, in the opening game against Leo, all hopes of another ACAC Tourney crown were gone.

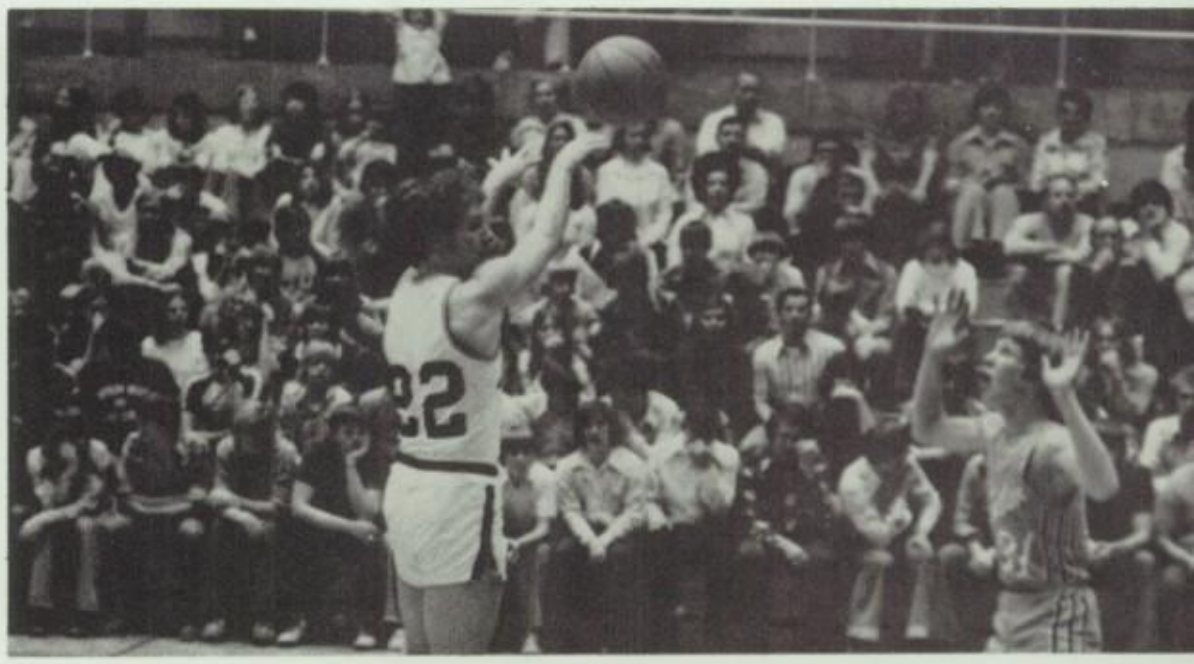
From that point on, the Raiders had trouble putting it all together and won only 5 of the final 9 games. One key win during that stretch was a big 63-55 victory over host Norwell. With that win, SW captured the county title after an earlier win over Bluffton, 77-65.

Individually, the Raiders faired well. Steve Gearheart set a record of 14 assists in one game against Churubusco in that 100-67 rout. Steve also set a career high for assists, as he figured in 356 baskets during his varsity years. Dave Oswalt set a new season high for free-throw shooting percentage. Dave sunk 79 of 90 attempts for an .878 percentage. Roland James set a new record with 147 career steals.

James and Gearheart were named to the ACAC All-Star team and Oswalt and Gary Flaugher were given honorable mention.

FRESHMAN TEAM	SW	OPP
Marion Jones	27	64
Wapahani	38	49
Marion McCullough	42	54
Bluffton	39	47
Parkway, Ohio	62	27
Eastbrook	63	42
Adams Central	39	27
South Adams	25	43
Adams Central	28	48
South Adams	35	44
Salamonie	47	31
Norwell	40	43
Southwood	46	32
Delta	37	42
Wes-Dell	42	41
Bellmont	61	55
Monroe Central	52	59

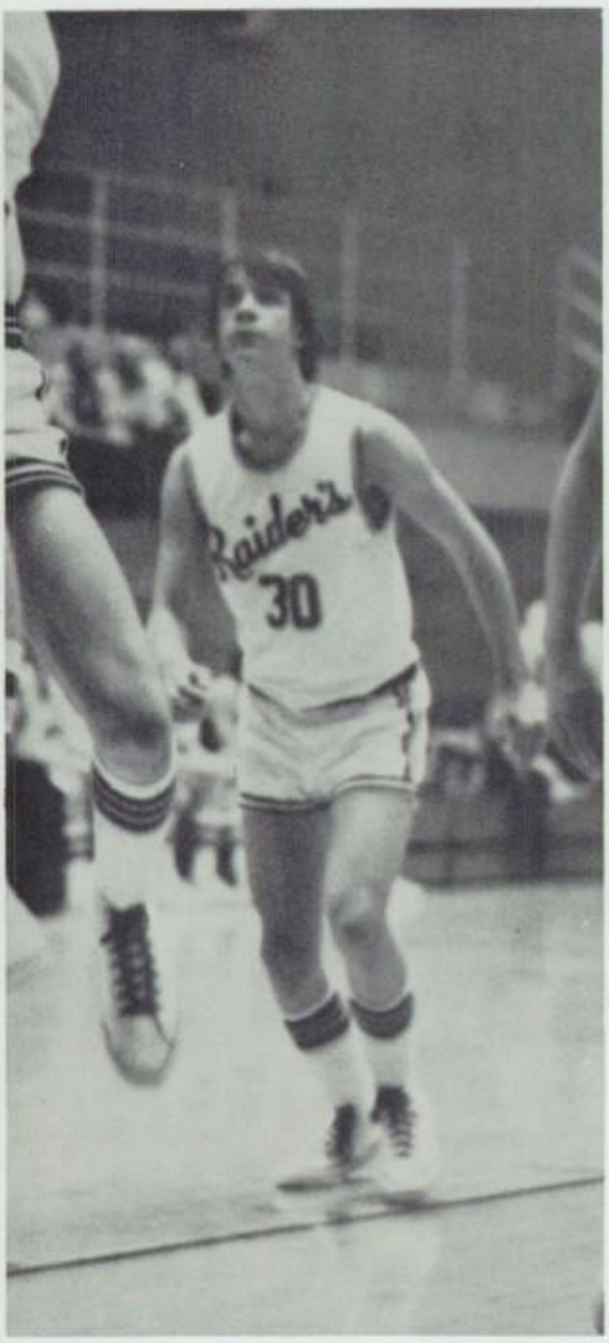
BELOW - Bill Michael tries for a shot at the home game.



JV TEAM	SW	OPP
Adams Central	71	72
Eastbrook	27	36
Bluffton	51	26
Union	45	49
South Adams	51	42
Randolph Southern	56	34
Eastside	54	33
Adams Central	60	26
Norwell	50	48
Heritage	31	38
Carroll	49	52
Woodlan	48	54
Union City	47	44
Monroe Central	68	51
Wabash	50	42
Wapahani	47	32
Norwell	48	65
Wes-Del	27	31
Churubusco	57	38
Leo	43	44

ABOVE - Team members celebrate a victory after winning the B- tourney.
LEFT - Phil Roush attempts a field goal with the support of Brian Reaser and Rod Meyer.

RIGHT-ROW 1- Scott Mossburg, Brian Roush, Dan Minnich, Jeff Oswalt, Mark Leas, Eric Robbins, Bill Michael. ROW 2- Stan Bales, Vic Lusher, Don Minnich, Larry Rains, Tim Schortgen, Jay Tucker, Jeff Reynolds, and Mr. Dan Emerick BELOW RIGHT- Brian Reaser, Randy Kellogg, Mide Maddox, Rob Pease, Bob Bower, Doug Grover, Mr. Jerry Penrod, Barry Brown, Keith Bungarner, Phil Roush, Rod Meyer, Jeff Prible, and Rick Davis. KNEELING- Tom Hartman and Ron Woten



ABOVE- Rob Pease runs up for a rebound.

J.V. team wins B-tourney

Dan Emerick's Junior Varsity team ended with an 11-9 season, and a first-time-ever victory in the B-Tourney.

After a 71-72 overtime loss during regular season, SW beat Adams Central in the first tourney game 60-26. The trophy was secure after SW beat Norwell with a slim 50-48 final game victory.

For the first time in their lives the freshman team members played as a high school team.

Coach Jerry Penrod helped the boys throughout the season and finished it with 7 wins and 10 losses.

The boys had mixed emotions about the coming year. Most had a feeling that they wouldn't get to play on the team but all hoped for a fair chance to show their ability.

ABOVE- In seventh grade action, Todd Bunch proves just a hair short at the center circle, but teammates Jack Jones (II), Pat Carter, and Bob Prible (43) are there to help.

ABOVE- Eighth grade cager Chris Killingbeck leaps high over his opponent to gain control of the tip. Steve Smith (12) stands on the circle, poised for action.
FAR RIGHT- Scott Slucher flies high through the air to block this shot. Kevin Roush hurries in for the rebound.

SEVENTH GRADE BASKETBALL

	SW	OPP
East Jay	16	42
Ossian	32	26
Lancaster	13	28
West Jay	38	36
Salamonie	40	35
Adams Central	30	37
Mississineawa	30	36
Homestead	30	45
Riverview	20	32
Montpelier	28	35
Bluffton	33	30
Lancaster	22	35

EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL

	SW	OPP
East Jay	40	69
Marion Jones	34	57
Ossian	54	48
Lancaster	35	34
West Jay	44	32
Salamonie	24	53
Adams Central	30	30
Mississinewa	50	40
Homestead	51	41
Riverview	53	33
Montpelier	33	37
Bluffton	39	15
Ossian	40	31
Lancaster	36	22
Leo	34	39

EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL- Jeff Capper, manager, Ron McCune, Dennis Leas, Steve Smith, Dave Wallace, Kenny Showalter, manager. SECOND ROW - Kevin Roush, Troy Foreman, Scott Slusher, Ted Alberson, Matt Benedict. THIRD ROW- Chris Killingbeck, Jay Holloway, Reggie Hayes, Jeff Stroup, Coach Jim Hotopp. SEVENTH GRADE BASKETBALL- Earl Ewart, Bob Prible, Curt Meyer, Pat Carter, Greg Johnson, Brian Dollier, John Hirschy, Kirk Kitts. STANDING- Coach Dave Baker, Todd Bunch, Tim Wallace, Robert Davis, Bill Bonham, Jack Jones, Jeff Myers, Rod Reaser, managers. LEFT- Reggie Hayes scrambles after a loose ball in eighth grade action while Matt Benedict watches for an opening.

Eighth Grade

Seventh Grade

8th grade wins Southern ACAC

Jim Hotopp, in his fifth year as eighth grade basketball coach came up with his third winning season. The 10-5 record of this year's team is the second best 8th grade standing in the history of the school. Capturing the Southern Division crown and losing a very close ACAC Tourney game finals highlighted the year.

Although Coach Hotopp stressed defence and team work the entire season, Chris Killingbeck (180 pts.) and Kevin Roush (162 pts.) lead the offense with 342 of the team's 597 points. In rebounds it was again Chris Killingbeck leading with 122, while only seven rebounds separated second and fourth place. Jay Holloway had 86; Scott Slusher, 82; and Kevin Roush, 79.

Coach Dave Baker, in his second year as seventh grade basketball coach, lead his little Raiders to a four and eight record. This was their first year of play in the Raider Arena and they had some adjustment problems. The highpoint of the year was the big come-from-behind victory over Bluffton, 33-30. The Raiders erased a ten point difference in the final three minutes to win.

Todd Bunch lead all scorers with 94 points while Pat Carter finished a close second with 90 points. Bunch also lead in rebounds with 74. Jack Jones followed with 50 and Bob Prible brought down 41. Balanec and teamwork seemed to be the key words for this year's seventh grade team, as no one individual dominated the game.

CC, Varsity & Jr. Hi. all have good seasons

The '75 cross country team completed its season with a 7-10 record. In dual competition, they recorded a 4-2 mark. The SW harriers tied with Leo for a 6th place berth in the ACAC conference, and placed 7th in the ACAC meet.

Individual times included Don Carroll with 13:44; Dave Lovell, 13:56; Jeff Reynolds, 13:59; Bruce Ruble, 14:13 and Rick Gentis, 14:28. Best reserve time was Henry Lynch's 15:13.

The varsity track team had one of its finest year's this spring. Highlighting the season was their second Wes-Del Invitational trophy in three years. The team finished 6th in the ACAC, 4th in the Bi-County and 12th in the sectional. The record books were literally rewritten as the season progressed. This was especially obvious as the team took over a dozen members in ten events to the sectional.

The '76 junior high track team had a very good season as they finished with a 9-8-1 record. In combined meets, they finished 4-3-1. The seventh grade went 1-2 while the eighth grade came up with a 2-1 mark.

Highlighting the season was the first annual SW Relay. The junior high tied with Bluffton, for first place, beating Eastbrook, Southwood and West Jay.

ABOVE - Jay Tucker becomes Airborne as he heaves the shot put out across the field. ABOVE RIGHT - Brian Roush stretches forward as he tries to gain another first in the 100 yard dash.

JUNIOR HIGH CROSS COUNTRY		
7TH & 8TH	SW	
Eastbrook	79	101
Montpelier		50
Salamonie	361/2	621/2

JUNIOR HIGH TRACK		
7TH & 8TH	SW	OPP
Eastbrook	79	101
Montpelier		50
Salamonie	361/2	621/2
Ossian	37	63
S.W. Relays tied 1 of 5		
ACAC	5 of 8	

SEVENTH	SW	OPP
South Adams	34	53
Lancaster	36	60
Adams Central	63	26

EIGHTH	SW	OPP
South Adams	54	45
Lancaster	37	62
Adams Central	68	32

VARSITY TRACK		
	SW	OPP
Monroe Central	104	23
Wes-Del	83	43
Eastbrook	68	59
Bluffton	71	56
South Adams	681/2	291/2
Union City		61
Norwell	191/2	1121/2
Woodlan		27
Union	93	34
Heritage	25	66
Carroll		68
Eastside	70	49
Churubusco		37
Adams Central	621/2	17
Leo		781/2
ACAC 6 of 9		
Bi-County 4 of 6		
Sectional 12 of 17		

CROSS COUNTRY TEAM - FIRST ROW: Don Carroll, Dave Lovell, Bruce Ruble, Jeff Reynolds, Rick Gentis, Coach Bushong. SECOND ROW: Rod Gentis, Don Bennett, Kevin Allen, Vic Lusher, Henry Lynch, Gary Glenn, Alan Hershman, Ron Bennett.
VARSITY TRACK TEAM - First ROW: Howard Hogston, Don Bennett, Barry Story, Chuck Baker, Bill Michael, Gary Story, Ron Bennett, Larry Smith, Rod Gentis, Alan Harshman. SECOND ROW: Henry Lynch, Mitch Davis, Chuck Roop, Dave Flaugher, Chuck Grabner, Mike Maddox, Brian Roush, Mike Carter, Jack Capper, Kevin Allen, Gary Glenn, Don Carroll. THIRD ROW: Keith Bumgarner, Bob Bower, Larry Rains, Tim Schortgen, Steve Gearheart, Gary Flaugher, Roland James, Dave Lovell, Rick Gentis, Jeff Reynolds, Jay Tucker.

Cross Country

CROSS COUNTRY

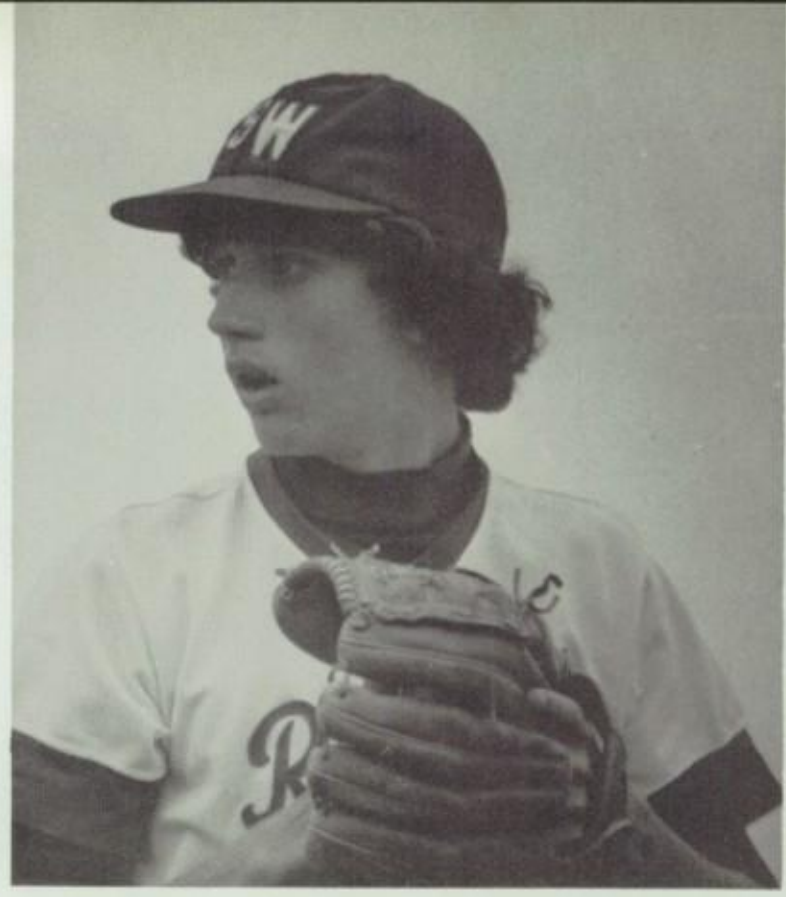
	SW	OPP
Bellmont	45	15
Wes-Del	15	50
South Adams	74	63
Bluffton		28
Mississinewa		70
Adams Central	36	53
Leo		36
Southwood	27	28
Churubusco	50	69
Eastside		15
Huntington Cath.	22	38
Heritage	84	20
Carroll		37
Eastbrook	33	23
Marion Bennett	15	47
Woodlan	72	49
Norwell		17

'Busco Inv. 21 of 23
ACAC 6 of 9
Bi-County 5 of 6
Sectional 20 of 23

Varsity & JV Track

JUNIOR HIGH TRACK- FIRST ROW: Mike Miller, Greg Johnson, Mark Thomas, Pat Carter, Curt Meyer, Brian Dollier, John Hirschy, Earl Ewart. SECOND ROW: Debbie Bunneman, mgr., Scott Carroll, Joe Zoda, Jack Jones, Kirk Kitts, Dan Pace, Bill Bonham, Jeff Love, Rob Davis, Amy Grabner, Cheryl Penrod, Lynn Pernell, mgr. THIRD ROW: Chris Killingbeck, Reggie Hayes, Jay Holloway, Jeff Capper, Kevin Roush, Richard Wafford, Greg Love, Fred Zook, Dave Wallace, Ken Showalter, Steve Smith, Kelli Simon, Kevin Shultz, Scott Slusher. Coaches: Mr. Bill Hancock and Mr. Larry Sell.

Junior High Track



VARSITY BASEBALL

	SW	OPP
Adams Central	0	6
South Adams	1	11
Eastside	2	5
Adams Central	5	9
Woodlan	1	8
Wes-Del	2	10
Churubusco	0	10
Leo	5	6*
Carroll	5	8
Heritage	2	6
Bluffton	4	15
Norwell	3	2*
Union City	2	6
Southwood	3	6
Eastbrook		

SECTIONA:
Bluffton
* Extra Innings

ABOVE- Senior pitcher Steve Gearheart warms up with catcher Chub Michael.

FAR LEFT- Stan Bales gets ready to swing . . . a little too late. LEFT- Freshman pitcher Doug Grover glances in for the signal for the next pitch. RIGHT- VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM: FIRST ROW: Stan Bales, Gary Story, Doug Grover, Steve Gearheart, Carl Craig, Dave Flaugher, and Barry Story. SECOND ROW: Scott Mossburg, manager, Jeff Prible, Brian Williams, Randy Kellogg, Bill Michael, Jody Murray, Chuck Baker, Rob Pease, and Keith Stroud manager.

LEFT- As the cloud of dust rolls away, a shocked Barry Story trades glances with A Churubusco base runner wondering how he slid under the tag. ABOVE- A discouraged Chub Michael drops his bat and walks back to the dugout after missing a third strike.

'76 best season ever on paper

"This is the best team in the history of the school. We've been breaking records like they're going out of style. But we just can't win." That's how one very frustrated Coach Curt White saw the 1976 season.

Coming into the '76 season, Coach White expected little more than a "building year" out of this year's program. He had lost 7 starting seniors from the year before and had only 2 returning seniors.

Despite a tough 6-0 loss to Adams Central, the Raiders put forth a strong showing (this same team beat SW last year, 16-5) and hopes were still high for a good year.

Two games later, the Raiders lost their first heartbreaker in a 5-2 loss to Eastside. Playing an excellent game with Leo, the Raiders took it to extra innings before getting dumped 6-5. The next day in another tough loss to Carroll, 8-5, sr. Carl Craig tallied the highest one game PPP total with a +26 and Bill Michael took first place in career hits.

After ten long, hard-fought innings, the Raiders were able to top Norwell with A Bill Michael single and a Doug Grover double. That was the school's first baseball victory over county rival Norwell.

The talent and the potential were all there, but the Raiders just couldn't pull it all together. If the standings aren't convincing, the record books should be. Other than those achievements already mentioned, the Raiders also tallied the highest PPP total for one game with a +58 and played in the longest game (10 inn.) against Norwell, hit three triples in one game with Bluffton, and four doubles in one game with Southwood.

FAR LEFT-As the sun sets in the West, Mike Lockwood putts into the East.
LEFT-"Can you believe that drive?" Dave Oswalt and Mike Lockwood look shocked as they watch an opponent's drive.
GOLF TEAM-STANDING-Tracy Gentis, Doug Klefeker, Rod Sills, Dennis Lockwood, Jon Elliott, Jay Dollier, Len Smith, Tom Hartman, Vic Lusher, Brian Cassidy, Coach Roush.
KNEELING-Bill McIntire, Dennis Fagen, Phil Roush, Jeff Oswalt, Dave Oswalt, Mike Lockwood, Brent Fuller, Tom Gentis, Rod Meyer.

Young team has slow start

The Southern Wells golf team is having a slow season, but the team is a very young one. There are nine freshmen, four sophomores, four juniors, and only two seniors involved in golf this year.

So far the team's best match was against Leo. The Raiders didn't win that match, but they came within four points of a victory with the individual scores fairly low. Senior Dave Oswalt has the lowest average this season, but the other team members also show alot of promise.

The Raider Linksmen have tasted the thrill of victory a few times this season, and have hopes of winning the season's remaining matches.

The team as a whole has improved as the boys developed the skill that it takes to be a golfer. The golf team's youthfulness will, hopefully, be a big asset to next year's golf season.

1975-76 Varsity Golf

	SW	OPP
Carroll	176	155
Huntington Catholic	190	178
Heritage	184	166
Leo	160	156
Woodlan	177	159
Eastbrook	180	166
Eastside	190	178
Adams Central	189	171
Norwell	185	165
Churubusco	183	154
South Adams	172	176
Bluffton	171	169
Blackford	169	152

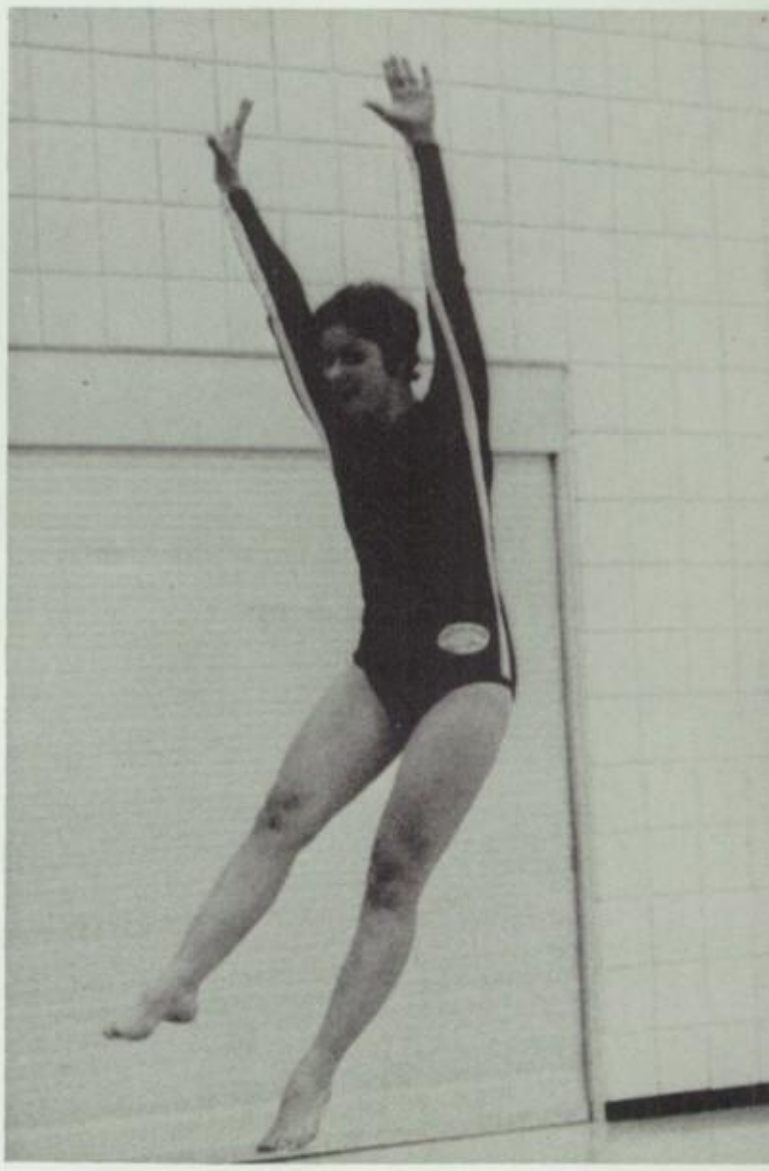
ABOVE LEFT-Mike Lockwood watches his opponent's putt.
BELOW LEFT-Brent Fuller markes his ball on the 13th green.
LEFT-Brent follows the old rule of "Keep your eye on the ball."

Leas named "Most Improved"

After leading the volleyball team to a 5-11 season and a first-game win in sectional play, Ms. Wendy Gavan announced a new award for this year's team. Most Improved Player was awarded to Freshman Nancy Leas.

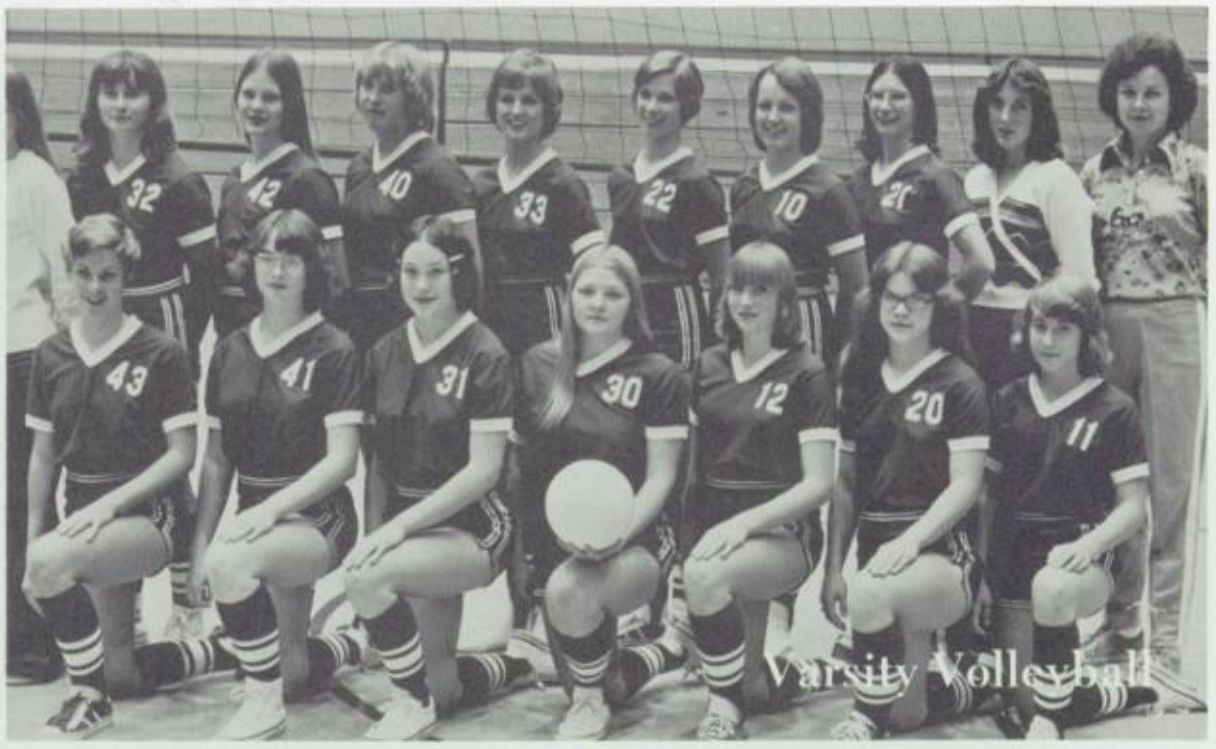
The Junior Varsity team finished their season with 4 wins and 1 loss.

This year's young gymnastic team and its first coach ended the season with three wins and three losses at the Intermediate Level and three wins and three losses at the Beginning Level. With Mrs. Myrna Levy coaching, the mostly freshman team earned 73 ribbons. Six girls, Polly McMillna, Kim Lovell, Lori George, Tammy Walburn, Annette Pernell and Ronda Gentis, qualified for sectional.



LEFT: Ronda Gentis leaps into the air hoping to place high with the judges.
ABOVE: Polly McMillian performs her routine in order to place.
TOP LEFT: Kay Rogers, with the help of Cherry McMillian, tries for another point.

SW		OPP
69.75	Monroe Central	98.30
60.05	Eastbrook	106.40
69.72	South Adams	77.25
98.15	Carroll	94.15
76.30	Blackford	88.50
81.65	Norwell	123.40
83.85	Bluffton	74.90
76.95	Jay County	106.15
	Monroe Central	83.55



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL - STANDING - Jackie Jenson, Cindy Herring, Kay Rogers, Cathy Huffman, Melanie Kellogg, Cherry McMillan, Cindy Kellogg, Sara Helms, Jill Hamilton and Ms. Wendy Cavan. KNEELING - Polly McMillan, Donna Pinkerton, Karen Hogston, Terri Slusher, Nancy Leas, Kathy Buckland and Lisa Andrews.

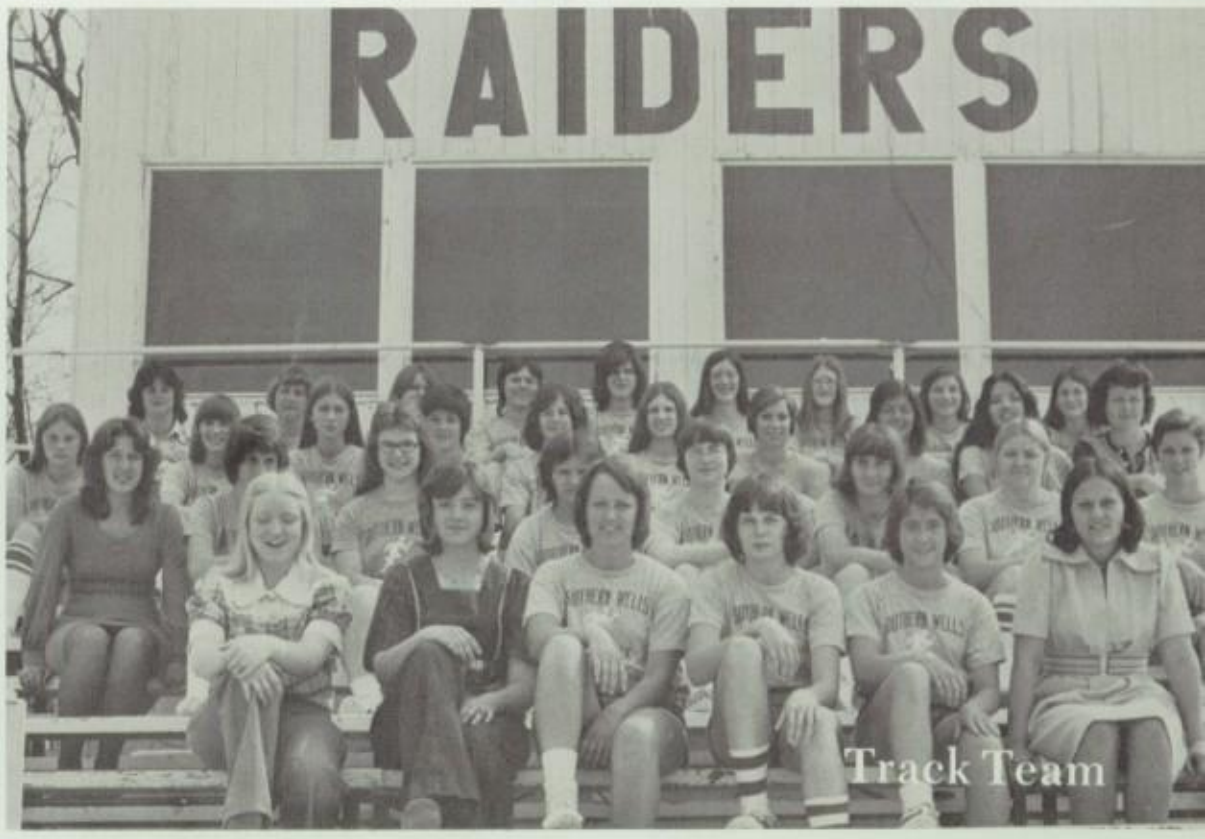
JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL - STANDING- Ms. Cavan, Delora Scott, Barbara Miller, Liz Cole, Becky Hamilton, Jane Miller, Jonea Tucker and Jill Hamilton. KNEELING - Laura Harshman, Sherry Ivins, Diane Melick, Kellie Patterson and Ronda Gentis.

GYMNASTICS - STANDING - Kathy Dollier, Cherry McMillan, Kathy Daugherty, Polly McMillan, Jacque Cochran, Tammy Walburn, Kim Lovell, Laura George, Jonea Tucker, Sherry Ivins and Mrs. Myrna Levy. KNEELING - Jackie Jenson, Kathy Buckland, Deanna Duncan, Kathy Meyer, Lori Hershy, and Annette Pernell.

RAIDERS

GIRLS BASKETBALL

SW		OPP
27	Heritage	73
29	Churbusco	33
58	Monroe Central	61
31	Adams Central	30
31	Eastside	43
47	Bluffton	49
39	Adams Central	32
46	Norwell	59
33	South Adams	45
56	Eastbrook	40
40	Norwell	80



Track Team

GIRLS TRACK

SW		OPP
68	South Adams	38
33	Norwell	43
	Woodlan	51
28	Churubusco	42
	Eastside	64
521/2	Southwood	521/2
42	Adams Central	46
	Leo	46
29	Heritage	58
	Carroll	51

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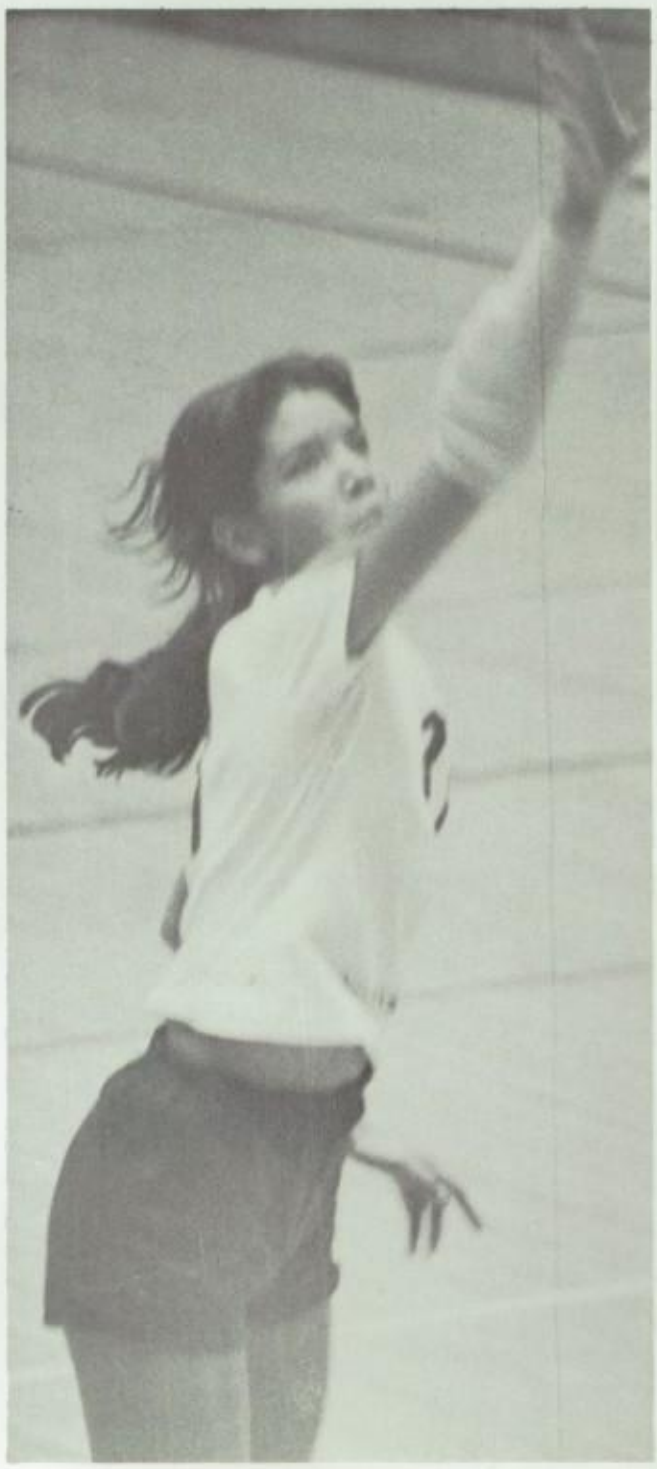
7 out of eight teams



FAR LEFT - Lisa Andrews tries for a placing at the Blackford sectional.
LEFT - Liz Cole aims for the basket in hope of a sure 2 points.

GIRLS TRACK TEAM- ROW 1: Renda Twibell, Roxie Grimm, Cindy Kellogg, Jonea Tucker, Lisa Andrews, and Kelli Shultz. ROW 2: Jill Hamilton, DeAnn Patterson, Kathy Buckland, Liz Bennett, Donna Pinkerton, Cindy Herring, Terrie Slusher, and Polly McMillan. ROW 3: Kelly Patterson, Nancy Leas, Becky Hamilton, Diane Melick, Deanna Duncan, Jackie Jenson, Cherry McMillan, Lorrie Stoffer, Liz Cole, and Ms. Caan. ROW 4: Shannon Elliott, Cathy Huffman, Jane Miller, Sherry Ivins, Dana Harris, Barbra Miller, Coralee Breedlove, Jenina Mertz, and Diane Klefeker.

GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM- ROW 1: Kammy Smith, Nancy Leas, Terrie Slusher, Cindy Kellogg, Cindy Herring, Donna Pinkerton, Jackie Jenson, Lisa Andrews, and Ms. Cavan. ROW 2: Ronda Gentis, Kelly Patterson, Sheri Cale, Gwen Leas, Marlene Rogers, Liz Cole, Dana Harris, Teresa Slusher, Rhonda Neff, Jill Hamilton, Diane Melick, Peggy Story, and Brenda Slusher.

Basketball Team

Girl cagers take first win; Track sends two to regional

The varsity basketball team ended it's season with a 3-4 record, while the junior varsity ended their season with a 3-2 record. The varsity's first win was against Churubusco.

In the game against Monroe Central, senior Cindy Herring set a record with the most points per game with 32 points. Teresa Slusher, Cindy Kellogg and Cindy Herring each set a record of 12 rebounds per game against Adams Central.

To celebrate their first win, the team presented Coach Wendy Gaven with a bracelet. "Our first win" was engraved on one side, while "SW 31-AC 30" was engraved on the other side.

Ms. Cavan felt that the number of girls returning next year would better enable us to compete against the ACAC teams. She also hoped the attendance at next year's games would be better.

After a disappointing regular season the girl's track team ended with a very successful event. Eight girls came out winners in the sectional at Blackford.

The girls and the events they won include Cindy Herring, softball throw; DeAnn Patterson, 440 dash; Cathy Huffman, shot put; Nancy Leas and Jenina Mertz, high jump; and Diane Melick, Polly McMillan, Lisa Andrews and DeAnn Patterson, medley relay. Two of the girls, Cindy Herring and DeAnn Patterson, qualified for the regional competition at Zollner Stadium at Fort Wayne Concordia.

Commenting on their final performance, Coach Cavan said, "The team has improved 70% from last year. They placed high for such a young team."

Cheerleaders keep raiders spirits high

The SW cheerleaders started the year off with a lot of spirit. Neither rain, snow, sleet or hail could keep the girls from doing their thing come the day of an event that included them.

The Junior Varsity and the Varsity Cheerleaders started their season with a week at camp, learning the new mounts and chants that helped them create new yells back home. After some strained muscles, cracked elbows, and sore throats the girls came home and began making plans for the 1975-76 season.

Aside from actually cheering at games, the girls worked many hours decorating the gym, planning pep sessions, and perfecting their skills.

The giant gym murals created by the girls depicted everything from good sportsmanship to outright aggression. For example, one of the aggressive posters pictured an opponent sprawled on the floor with a Raider stomping all over the poor guy's back. Do you suppose the girls were contemplating a victory?

Lots of hard work went into every pep-session and ballgame, not only from the girls themselves, but also from their sponsors, Mrs. Levy and Mrs. Bushong.

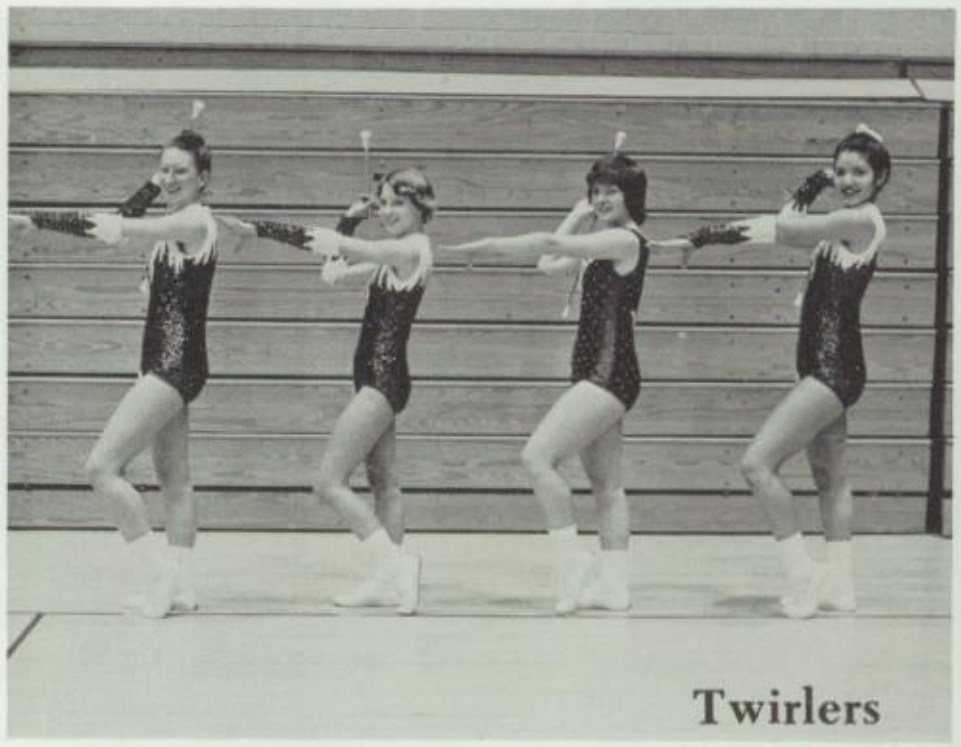
7th Grade Cheerleaders- Beth Herring, Ruth Davis, and Amy Grabner.
8th Grade Cheerleaders- TOP TO BOTTOM, Dawn Maddox, Joan Craig, and Becky Schortgen.

Freshmen Cheerleaders- Liz Cole, Diane Melick, Nancy Leas, and Laura Harshman.

Varsity Cheerleaders watch the final second of a close game. S.W. Cheerleaders make signs to decorate the gym for the Basketball season.

Varsity Cheerleaders- Captain: Melanie Kellogg, Cherry McMillan, Polly McMillan, Karen Kershner, and Kim Lovell.
Junior Varsity Cheerleaders- TOP TO BOTTOM: Tammy Walburn, Rhonda Neff, Cindy Kellogg, and Lisa Andrews.

Pep Band



Twirlers

New techniques highlight year

The 1975-76 Pom Pon Squad spent a week in August at the Smith Walbridge Extra Unit Training Center in Syracuse, Indiana, practicing feverishly the routines they would present to spectators at parades, football and basketball games, and contests.

The 12 Pom Pon girls tried as they put it "to vary the type of preformances so that the crowds wouldn't be seeing the same thing all of the time."

When asked their favorite routine, the girls all agreed it was the "50's" routine presented at a basketball game and featuring a guest appearance by "the Fonz" alias Chris Shultz.

The Pep Band, under the direction of Doug Maloney, consists of approximately 45 members who played their hearts out during basketball season.

The musicians presented a variety of current and familiar songs for the spectators during their musical halftime and pregame shows.

Working closely with both the Cheerleaders and the Pom Pon girls, the Pep Band tried to provide the best entertainment possible. A totally volunteer group, they painstakingly donated their time and lips for a "good cause".

The crowd at the Southern Wells-South Adams basketball game was treated with a routine presented by the twirlres from both schools. Performing to the song "Cherokee Nation," the squads dressed in Indian attire and really captured the eyes of the crowd.

The twirling sponsor during marching, football, and basketball season was Mrs. Diane Lautzenhiezer of Berne, who also was the director of the South Adams squad.

The Pep Band Played at almost all home games under the direction of Doug Maloney.
Twirlers- Sarah Helms, Annette Pernell, Diane Melick, and Liz Cole.
Pom Pon girls- TOP TO BOTTOM Tammy Grover, Genina Mertz, Becky Osborn, Brenda Banter, Delores Davis, Peggy Cambell, Jody Bryant, Michele Gilbert, Lisa Stinson, Lori Stoffer, and Sherry Elliott.
Lori Stoffer combines farmer power along with Pom Pon spirit at Sectional time.

Pom Pon girls Delores Davis and Brenda Banter do the "Bump" in a half-time routine.
Feature Twirler Diane Melick preforms at a football halftime.
Twirlers Annette Pernell, Liz Cole, and Sara Helms do a routine at halftime with the band.

Pom Pon Squad

FOOTBALL

Most Valuable Players-
Offensive Lineman-Larry Palmer
Offensive Back-Gary Flaugher
Defensive Lineman-Paul Katte
Defensive Back-Carl Craig

LETTERS-
Gary Flaugher, Steve Gearheart, Mike Carter, Carl Craig, Phil Schortgen, Dave Flaugher, Larry Smith, Paul Katte, Chuck Baker, Tim Schortgen, Roland James, Kris Shultz, Dick Miller, Bill Michael, Larry Palmer, Dennis Lockwood, Mark Leas, Brian Roush, Dan Minnich, Don Minnich, Larry Rains, Gary Pinkerton, Dale Gardner

CROSS COUNTRY

Most Valuable Harrier-
Don Carroll

LETTERS-
Dave Lovell, Rick Gentis, Henry Lynch, Don Carroll, Bruce Ruble, Jeff Reynolds, Don Bennett, Ron Bennett

VOLLEYBALL

Most Valuable Player-Terrie Slusher

LETTERS-
Cindy Herring, Terrie Slusher, Cherry McMillan, Polly McMillan, Lisa Andrews, Cathy Huffman, Nancy Leas, Cindy Kellogg

BOY'S BASKETBALL

Most Valuable Players-
All Round Best Player-Roland James
Most Rebounds-Steve Gearheart
Best Field Goal Shooting-Roland James
Best Free Throw Shooting-Dave Oswalt
Petroleun Lions Sportsmanship Award-Dave Oswalt
Outstanding Athletic Achievement Award-Steve Gearheart

LETTERS-
Mike Carter, Gary Flaugher, Steve Gearheart, Roland James, Rick King, Dave Oswalt, Dave Flaugher, Bruce Ruble, Phil Schortgen

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Most Valuable Player-Cindy Herring

LETTERS-
Lisa Andrews, Cindy Herring, Cindy Kellogg, Nancy Leas, Teresa Slusher, Terrie Slusher

GYMNASTICS

Most Valuable Gymnist-Polly McMillan

LETTERS-
Annette Pernell, Laurie George, Ronda Gentis, Tammy Walburn, Kim Lovell, Polly McMillan

BOY'S TRACK

Most Valuable Runner-Brian Roush
Most Improved-Gary Story

LETTERS-
Gary Flaugher, Steve Gearheart, Roland James, Dave Lovell, Henry Lynch, Mike Carter, Don Carroll, Bill Michael, Phil Schortgen, Brian Roush-Others to be announced

GIRL'S TRACK

Most Valuable Runner-
DeAnn Patterson

LETTERS-
Becky Hamilton, Lisa Andrews, Cherry McMillan, Polly McMillan, DeAnn Patterson, Jackie Jensen, Liz Bennett, Cindy Herring, Diane Melick, Jenina Mertz, Jonea Tucker

BASEBALL

To Be Picked-
Most Valuable Player
Highest Batting Average
Outstanding Defensive Player

LETTERS-
Information Not Yet Available

GOLF

Lowest Average-
Dave Oswalt

LETTERS-
Dave Oswalt, Jeff Oswalt, Dennis Lockwood, Jim Jacobs, Phil Roush, Brent Fuller-Other to be announced

NEW LETTER JACKETS

Barry Story, Gary Story, Brian Williams, Rick Gentis, Don Carroll, Dave Flaugher, Dennis Lockwood, Bruce Ruble, Bill Michael, Larry Smith, Phil Schortgen, Cherry McMillan, Polly McMillan, Terrie Slusher

PLAQUES

Roland James, Polly McMillan, Steve Gearheart, Gary Flaugher, Mike Carter, Carl Craig, Dave Lovell, Cindy Herring

FAR LEFT-Southern Wells athletes get ready to chow down.
LEFT- The JV gymnastics team waits patiently for Mrs. Levy to give out awards.
RIGHT-"Congratulations Steve," says Mr. Shipley as he gives Steve Gearheart the Outstanding Athletic Achievement Award.
RIGHT BELOW-"Boy this looks good," says Kelli Patterson and Laura Harshamn as they help each other to cake.

Banquets Honor Athletes

Many people feel that the thrill of victory or the gratification of teamwork should be award enough for an athlete. Here at Southern Wells, we feel that these are good, but also try to give athletes some sort of tangeable award. These awards, whether a jacket, trophy, or certificate, not only give each athlete something that he or she can look at and touch, but serve as a reminder of his or her athletic career. These awards are given at the end of each athletic season, at an awards banquet. The athlete's parents, families, and friends are invited to the carry-in banquet.

There are many types of awards given in our athletic department. The senior plaque is the highest award, but the jacket award is the most coveted.

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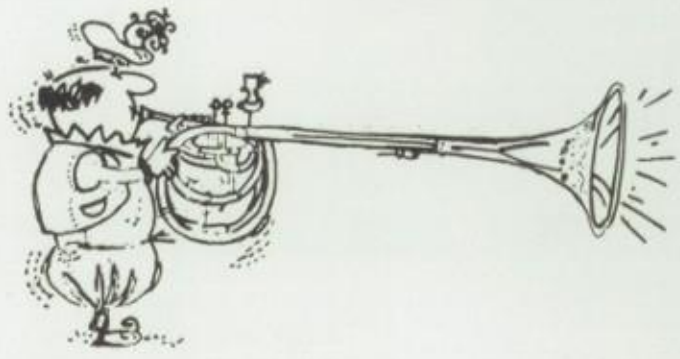

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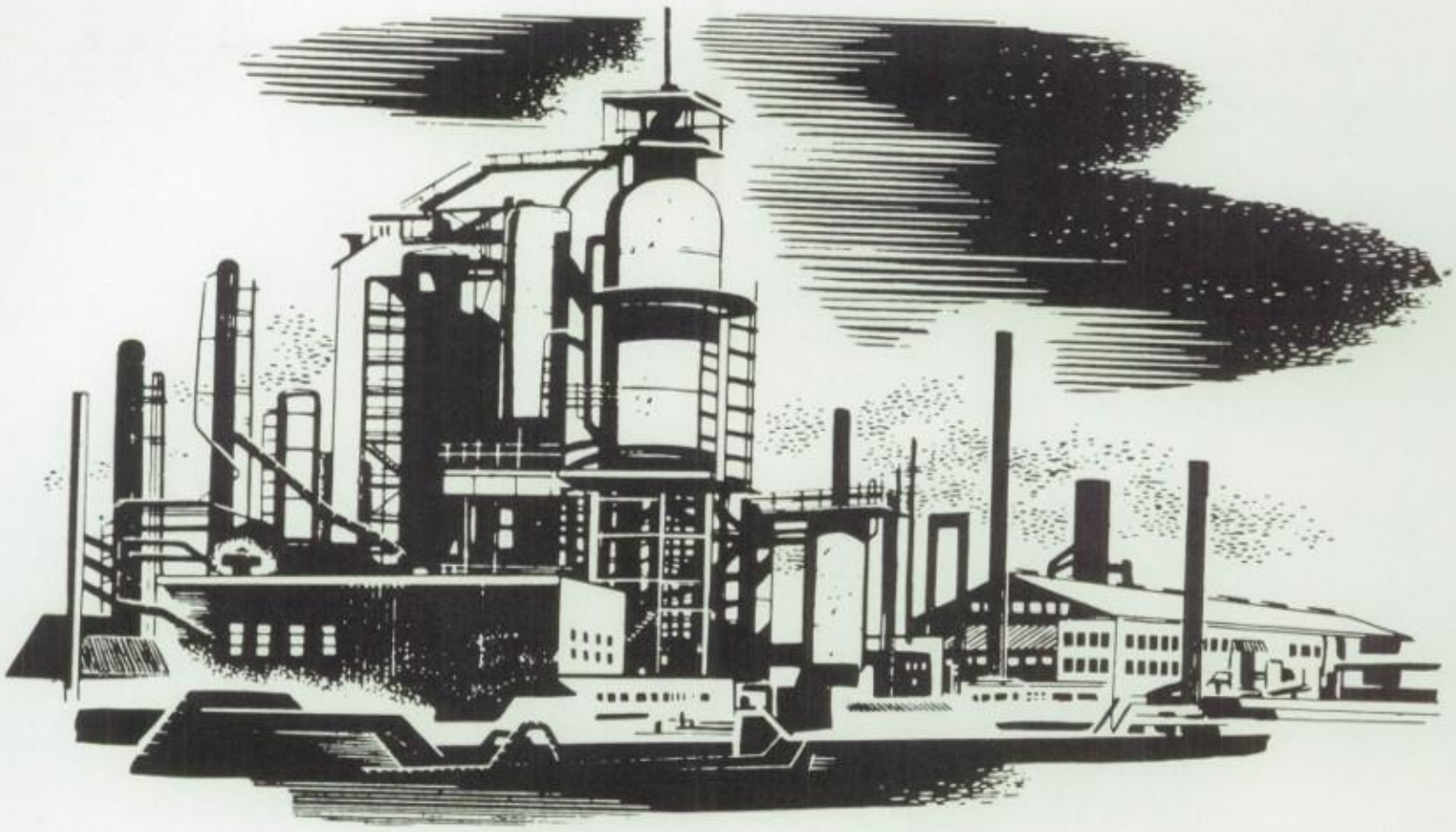

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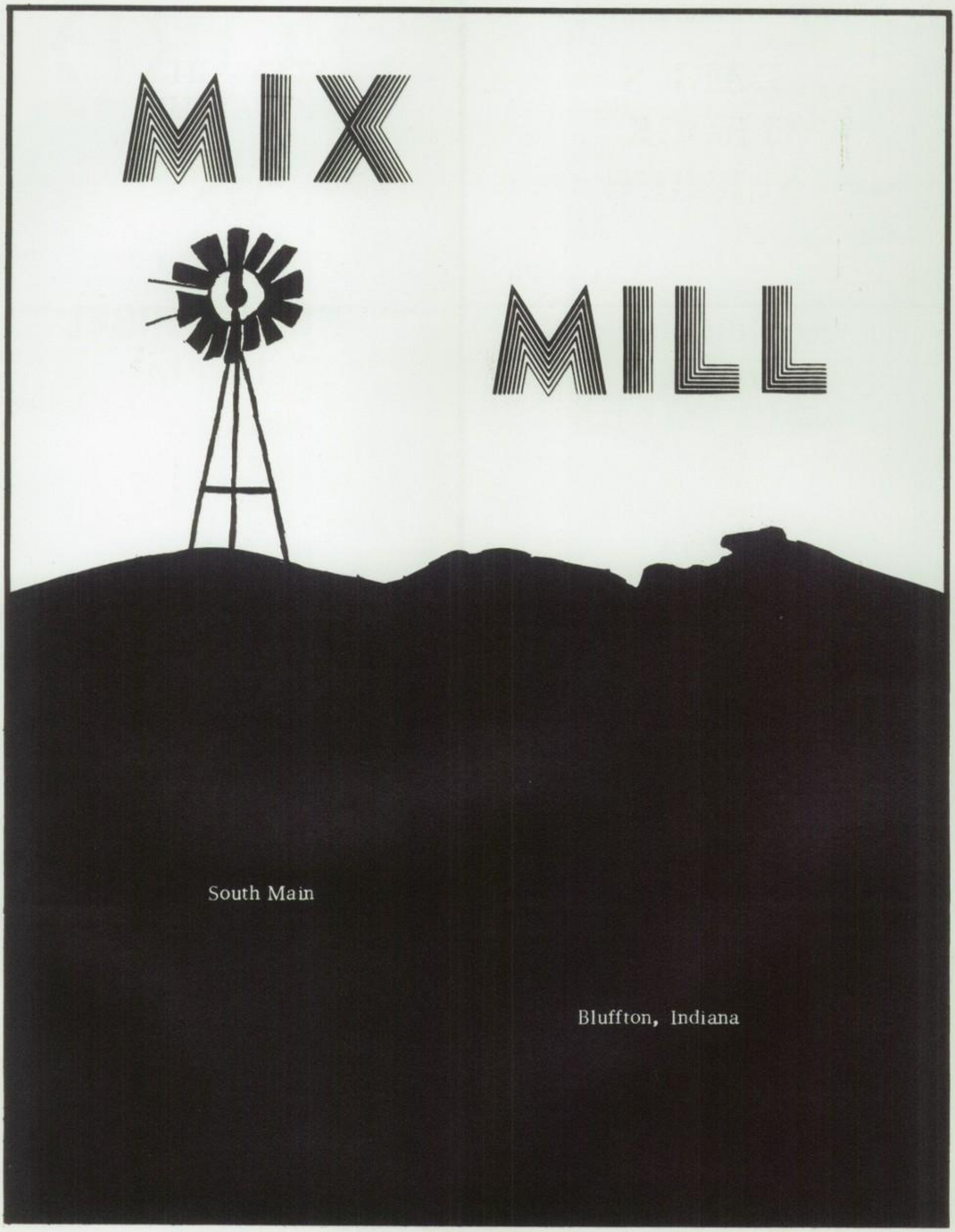
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DOUGLAS J ANDERSON - Librarian Asst 1,2

EVELYN DARLENE BATES - SSS 1,2; Health Careers 1,2,3; Librarian Asst 3; FHA 1; Cadets 4; Pep Club 1,2; Volleyball 1

JACK L BLAIR - ICE 4

MIKEL J BLINN - Basketball 1; Track 1,2,3; Cross Country 2,3; ICE 4; FFA 2,3-reporter, 4; 4-H 1

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MICHAEL L CARTER - Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2, 3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; FFA 2,3,4; Student Council 3,4-VP; Boys State 3; Senior V-P

CLIFTON L CONWELL - Concessions 1,2; ICE 4; Drama 1, 2; Publications 3

CLINT CONWELL - Drama 1,2; Football 1; ICE 4

CARL CRAIG - Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2; ICE 4; All Conference

KATHRYN JOANN DOLLIER - National Honor Soc 3,4; Language 2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Gymnastics 3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Concert Band 1,2,3,4; Marching Band 1,2, 3,4

SHERYL ROSE ELLIOTT - Pom Pon 2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Drum Major 4; Singers 3; Publications 3,4; Choir 3; SSS 2, 3; Family Leaders of Tomorrow 4

GARY LEWIS FLAUGHER - Football 1,2,3,4-UPI-All-State, All Conference, North All-Star team; Basketball 2, 3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; Homecoming King 4; Sophomore Pres

G DUANE FORD - ICE 4

STEVEN R GEARHEART - Student Council 1,2,3,4-pres; Track 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4- All Conference; Basketball 1,2,3,4- All Conference; Freshman Pres

RICK D GENTIS - National Honor Soc 3,4; Cross Country 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; Boys State; Senior V-P; Student Council 4; FFA 4; Science 3,4

MICHELE ELAINE GILBERT - FHA 1; Choir 2; Pom Pon 2, 3,4

TED E HABEGGER - FFA 4; Band 1

GARRETT HAMILTON - Basketball 1; FFA 3,4; ICE 4

JEWEL HARRIS - Language 2; Pep Club 2

CINDY SUE HERRING - FHA 1; Language 1; Track 4; Pep Club 2; Cadets 1; Band 4; Basketball 4-captain; Volleyball 4-captain

TINA LUANN HERRING - Pep Club 1; FHA 1; ICE 4; Gymnastics 1; Concessions Club 1; Publications 1

J D HESS - Singers 2,3; Cadets 4; Band 1; 4-H 1,2; FFA 3-VP, 4

SHERRY ANNETTE HOWELL - SSS 1,2,3,4; Language 1,2, 3,4-pres; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Drama 2,3,4; FHA 2,4; Cadets 4; Junior Achievement 2,3-tres

BRENDA SUE HUFFMAN - Track 4; SSS 2,3,4; ICE 4; Drama 4; FHA 1; Alt Cheerleader 4

TIMOTHY DUANE IRWIN - Language 1; Drama 1,2,3,4; Concessions 1; Thespian 2,3,4

TERRY L IVINS - Basketball 1; ICE 4; Concession 1,2,3,4

RHONDA JEAN JAMES - SSS 1,2,3,4; Pom Pon 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1; ICE 4; Choir 1; Junior-Senior tres

ROLAND JAMES - Football 4; Track 2,3,4; Student Council 1; ICE 4; Basketball 1,2,3-All-Conference, 4

JACQUELYN DIANNE JENSEN - Language 1,2,3,4; Science 4-sec; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Gymnastics 2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; History 3,4

PAUL CHARLES KATTE - Basketball 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3, 4; FFA 3,4; Cadets 4; Science 1,2,3,4; Letter Club 3,4; SMA 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4

MELANIE LYNN KELLOGG - FHA 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; SSS 4; National Honor Soc 3,4; Singers 4,3; Girls State 3; Student Council 3,4-sec

RICK KING - FFA 2,3,4; ICE 4; Basketball 1,2,3.4

RYAN L KLINE - National Honor Soc 3,4; Thespians 2,3,4; Drama 1,2,3,4; Language 1,2,3

DONALD W LANGEL - Concert Band 1,2,3,4; History 1,2, 3,4; National Honor Soc 3,4; Pep Band 3,4; Marching Band 1,2,3,4

GWENDA LYNN LEAS - FHA 1,2,3,4; GAA 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Singers 3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3; Pep Club 1,2; Publications 3,4

MICHAEL LEE LOCKWOOD - Basketball 1,2; Golf 1,2,3,4; Cross Country 2; Student Council 1,2,3

DAVID LEE LOVELL - Cross Country 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3, 4; ICE 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Singers; Boys State Alt; 5,000 Mile Club

HENRY JAY LYNCH - Track 1,2,3,4; Cadets 4; Cross

Country 2,3,4; History 4; Science 3,4; Basketball 1; Freshman-sec; Sophomore-tres

TERESA MANNING - SSS 4; ICE 4; Student Council 3; Band 4; Choir 1,2,3; Singers 3; Junior VP; FHA 1,2-tres, 3-vp, 4-tres

MARY JANE MARTIN - National Honor Soc 3,4; FHA 4; SSS 2,3; Girls State 3; Band 1,2,3,4; Cadets 4; Pep Club 1,2

SHERRY K MAYER - FHA 1,2,3,4; SSS 4; Homecoming 3; Pep Club 1,2; ICE 4

STAN VON McCAMMON - Cross Country 1,2,3; Track 1, 2,3; Band 1,2,3; Choir 1,2,3; Singers 2,3; ICE 4; Basketball 1; Librarian Asst 1,2,3

TERRY LEE McELHANEY - Science 1; Golf 1,2,3; FFA 4· ICE 4; Student Council 4

POLLY JEAN McMILLAN - National Honor Soc 4; FHA 1,2, 3,4-Historian; Track 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4-cap; Gymnastic 1,2,3,4; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Cadet 4; Singers 3,4

SHERYL LYNNE MEADE - National Honor Soc 3,4; Language 1; Cadet 4; Choir 1; Health Careers 2,3-tres, 4-state delegate

DICK MILLER - ICE 4; Track 2,3,4; Football 4

JERRY D MOSER - Choir 3,4; Librarian Asst 2,3; Publications 3

KIM EARLENE MURRAY - SSS 1,2,3,4; Concessions 3; Pep Club 1,2; ICE 4; Librarian Asst 1; Publications 3

LuANN KAY NASH - SSS 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2; ICE 4; Choir 1,2; Track 1; J4-Sr sec

CHARLIE NESTLEROAD - Concession 1; Intramurals 1; FFA 3,4

DAVID ALLEN OSWALT - National Honor Soc 3,4; Boys State 3; Cadets 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Golf 1,2-All Conference, 3,4

LISA E PERNELL - SSS 1,2,3-corresponding sec, 4-vp; Volleyball 3; ICE 4; Band 1,2,3,4

CINDA K PINKERTON - FHA 4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 4

LINDA MAE RAMSEYER - SSS 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Choir 4; Language 1,2,3-sec, 4-sec; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Drama 3,4; FHA 2,3-sec, 4-sec; Junior Achievement 2,3

REBECCA JOAN RAMSEYER - SSS 1,2,3; ICE 4

EDWARD P REINHARD - FFA 3,4; National Honor Soc 3,4; Boys State

L KAY ROGERS - SSS 1,2,3,4-pres; FHA 1,2,3-sec, 4; Drama 3,4; National Honor Soc; Singers 3,4; Band 1,2,3, 4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Cadet 4

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KRIS E SHULTZ - Football 2,4; Band 3; Choir 2,3; Singers 2,3,4

SANDRA JO SILLS - FHA 1; SSS 1,2,3,4; ICE 4; Flag Corp 4

TERESA ANN SLUSHER - SSS 1,2; National Honor Soc 3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; ICE 4; Choir 1; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 1

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LISA RENEE STINSON - Pom Pon 2,3,4; 4-H 1,2,3,4; SSS 3; FHA 1,2; Choir 2

RODNEY LEE STINSON - Band 1; ICE 4

LARRIE B STOFFER - Band 1,2; Science 1,2; ICE 4

LORRIE ANNE STOFFER - National Honor Soc 3,4; Track 2,3,4; Homecoming Queen 4; Pom Pon 1,2,3,4; Drama 4; FHA 4; Cadets 4; Librarian Asst 4

PEGGY SUE STORY - FHA 1,2,4; Cadets 4; Basketball 1; Pep Club 1,4; Student Council 4-sec

MOLLY LOUISE STOUT - Science 3-pres, 4; Junior-pres; National Honor Soc 3,4; History 1,2-vp; 3,4; County DAR; Farm Bureau Citizenship Award 3; Kim Garrett Sophomore Citizenship Award; Language 1,2,3,4

MICHAEL GENE STUDEBAKER - Science Club 1; Band 1; FFA 3,4; 4-H; ICE 4

BECKY ANN SWARTZ - FHA 1,2,3; Choir 1,2,3; Cadets 4; Drama 2,3

JACK A THORNBURGH - Librarian Asst 3

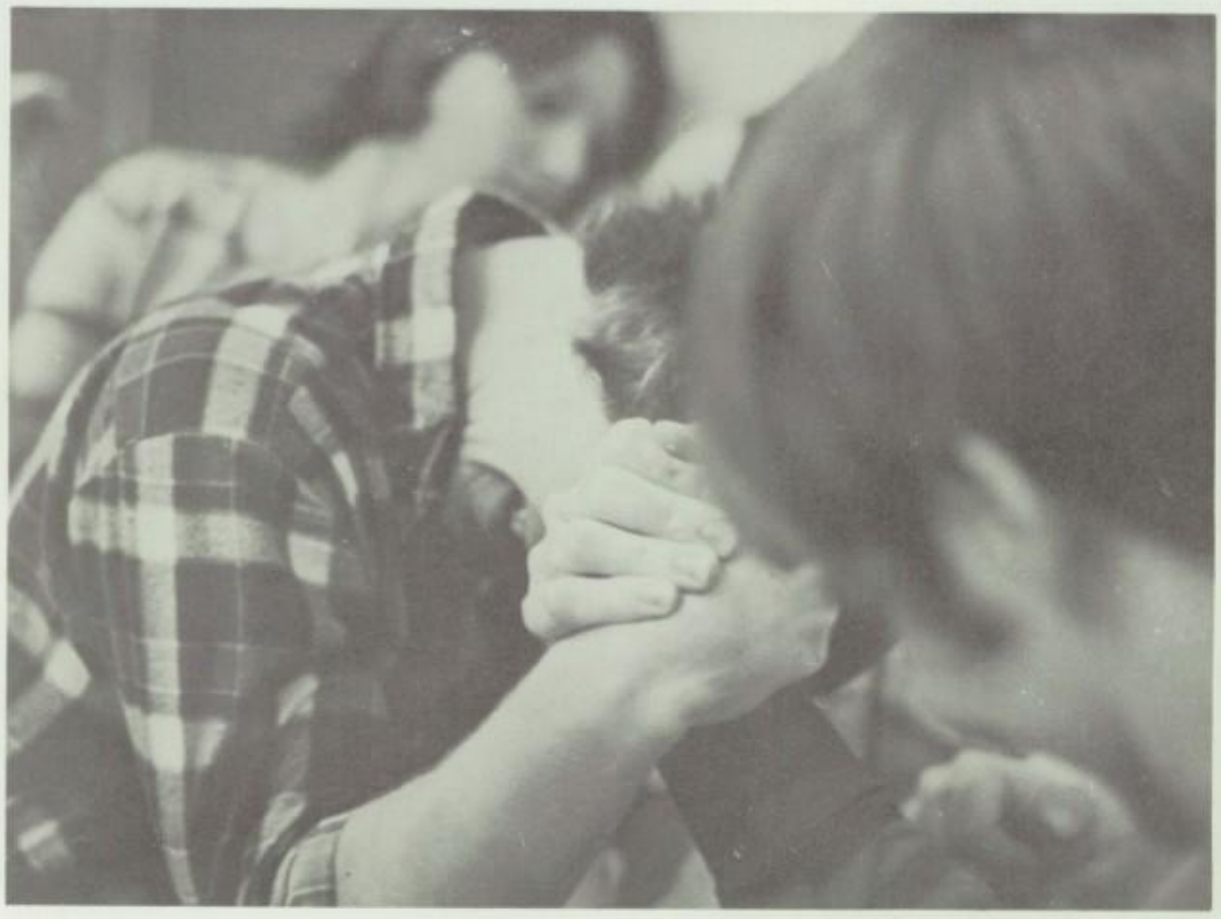
CONNIE SUE (LEAS) TYNER - FHA 4; SSS 3; Pep Club 1,2; Publications 3

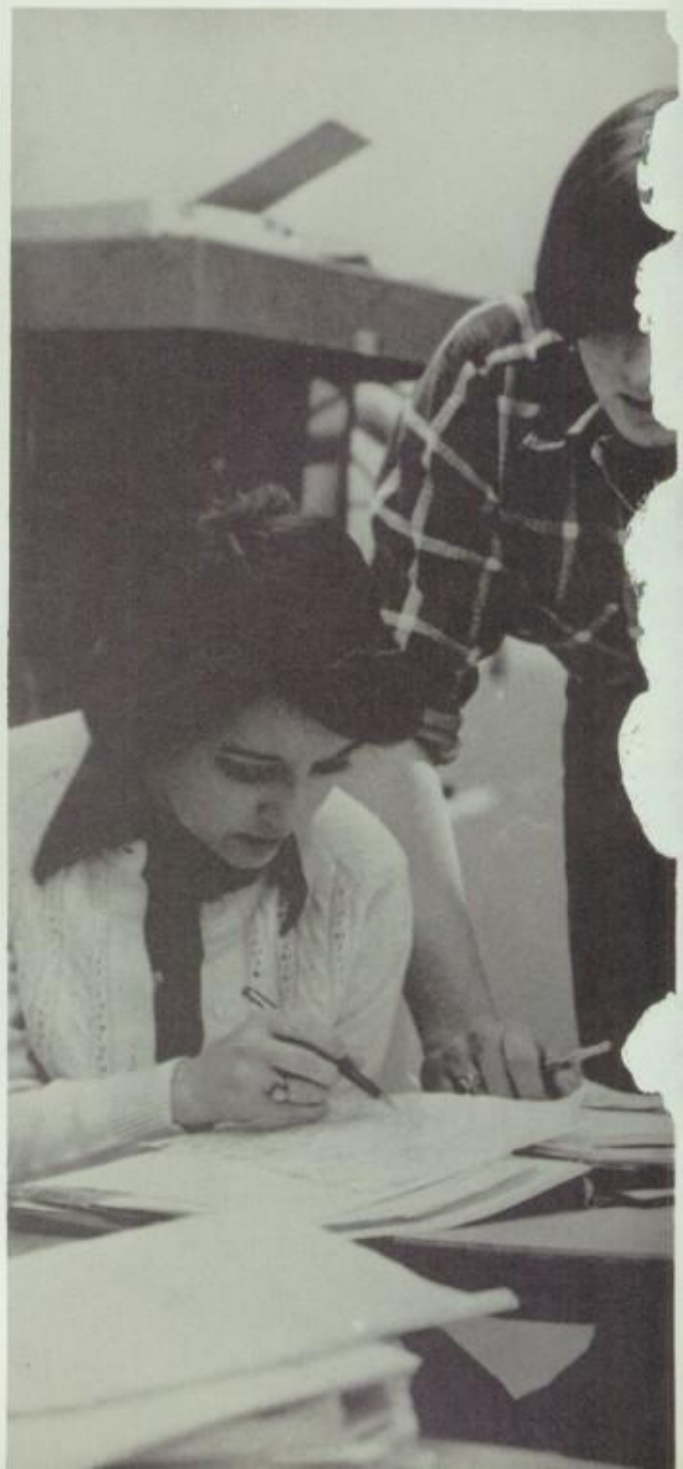
SHIRLEY MAE VELASQUEZ - Cadets 4; Gymnastics 3

EDWARD A WELSH - Publications 4

ROBERTA SUE WESTFALL - FHA 1, Language 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 2,3,4; SSS 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Choir 2,3, 4; Cadets 4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4

RANDALL L WOTEN - ICE 4



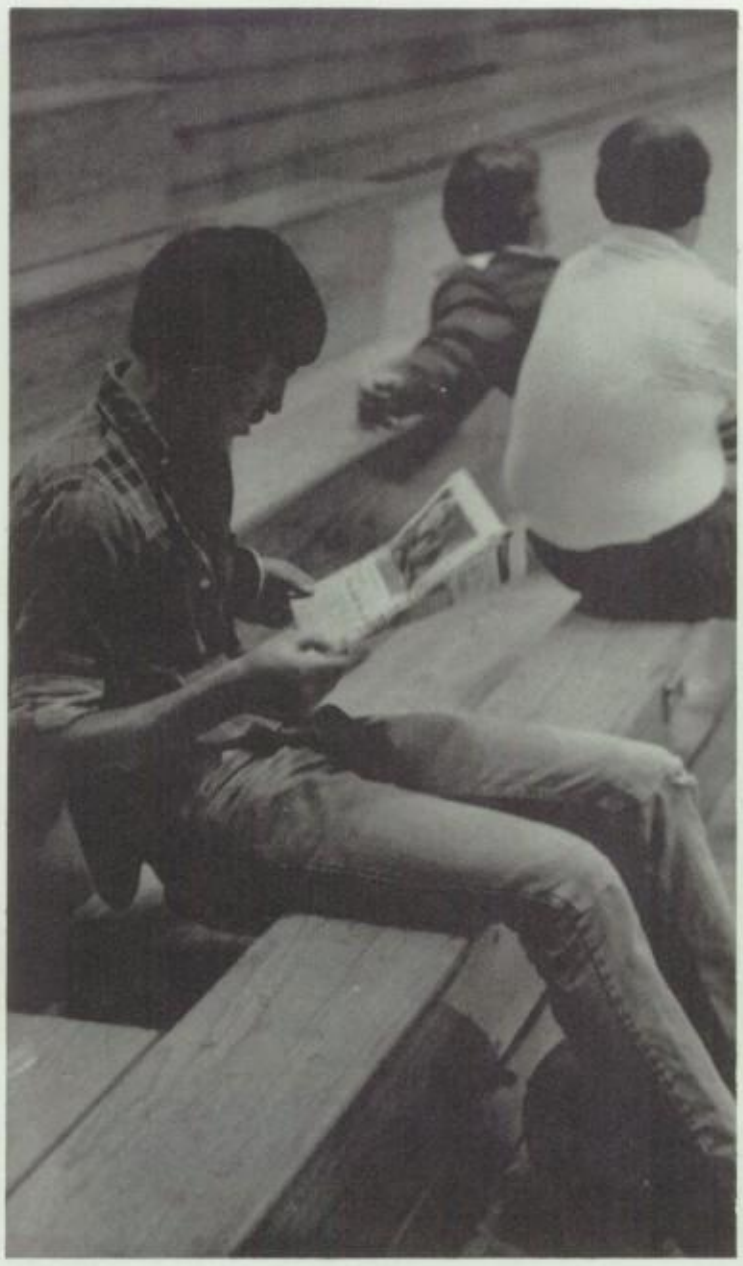


TOP ABOVE- Senior journalism staffer, Sherry Elliott does some correction work on one of her layouts. Sometimes getting all the lines and squares to fit can prove a bit unnerving. ABOVE- Wrist-wrestling became a school past-time with a Wrist-wrestling Tourney highlighting the fad. All strength and concentration are focused on the two clasped hands in this deadlocked match.

LEFT- Dave Collins and LeAnn Rogers share a few moments together in the grass during their lunch break. Chub Michael and Roxie Grimm are also enjoying their time together. Meanwhile, others such as Linda Ramseyer and Sherry Howell are just having fun running around. BELOW- Seventh grader, Greg Johnson doesn't appear too concerned over this casualty in the first annual FFA Tractor Pull. "There's always next year."

LEFT- Ryan Kline and Molly Stout dig through a stack of physics papers, comparing notes and trying to solve a problem. ABOVE- As the year drags on and you begin to think ahead past graduation, you sometimes get lost in a day-dream world. Here Teresa Slusher seems to have lost contact as she stares blankly into emptiness.

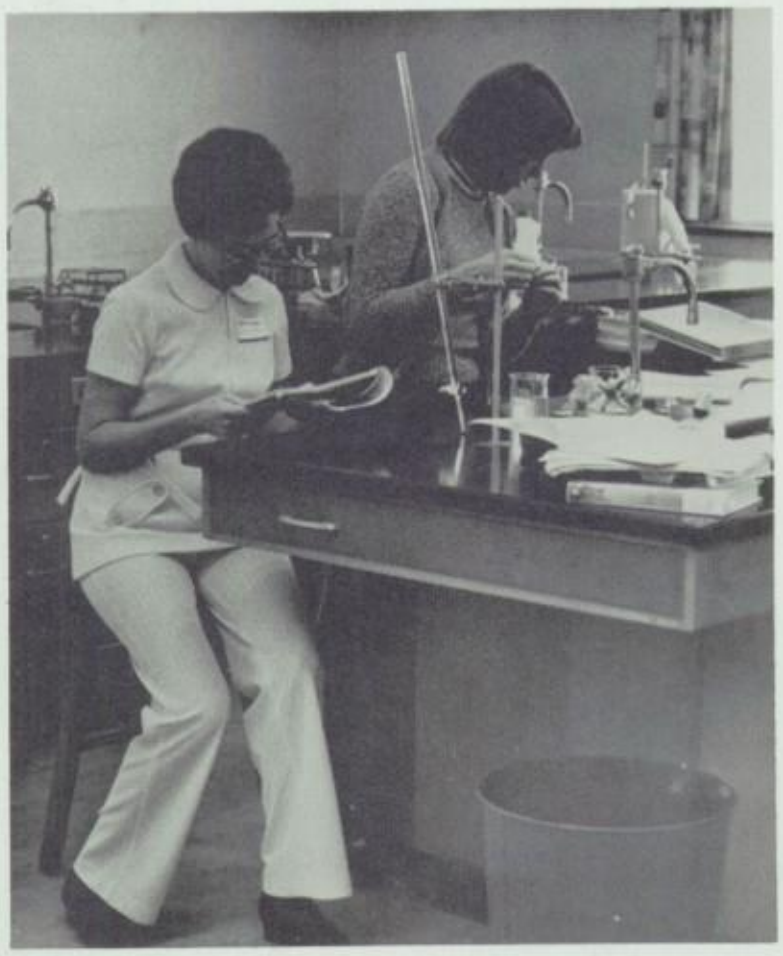
"Raider Revolution" . . . we've used that term so frequently in this book, and in so many ways, and yet . . . have we said all we can with those two words? One very real meaning that could be derived from the theme title of this book is that life at SW is never-ending. No matter what happens, the circle remains unbroken and continues unceasingly. The school year began with nearly ten new teachers, and there will probably be at least that many leaving. Last year's senior class has gone - another seventh grade has come in. Another year of sports is over - next year there will be more games, more seasons, new stars . . . Where does it all end? Where is it leading us?



LEFT - Bruce Ruble relaxes in the gym before a basketball practice. Quiet, casual moments such as these are often hard to come by in the busy SW school day. BELOW - Books, papers, notes - by the end of the school year, they all accumulate in massive heaps. Here Gwen Leas digs through her locker in search of something important.

ABOVE - Polly Reinhard, Jane Martin and Lisa Andrews bounce along on one of many bus rides. School buses play an important role in the functioning of SW. RIGHT - Lorrie Stoffer and Shirley Velasquez work on the stained glass window for the library. The window was one of several senior gifts to the school.

BELOW - Cammy Smith is completely stunned by the wonderland of Sandpoint Greenhouse. The Singers stopped there returning from the taping of their Christmas appearance on the Wayne Rothgeb Show.



LEFT - Those early morning figures are sometimes just a bit too much to handle. Team captain Laura Cochran seems dazed at the numbers teammate Cindy Daugherty is running past her in the annual junior magazine sales. ABOVE - Mrs. Donna Cochran works with Polly Reinhard on a chemistry lab during Parents SWAP Day.

We're only given one trip around in life. What we make of it, where we get off and the special moments we enjoy along the way are to a large degree up to us an individuals. The circles here at Southern Wells are but a small portion of a much larger circle, and this book is only a tiny window, looking into a few of the moments shared by students this past year. From big events such as the Prom, Graduation, Homecoming, and the ACAC Tourney to just quiet, unnoticed moments such as the long hours in study hall, or physics, or maybe a relaxing moment in the sun during noon, we've tried to capture a few of those moments and mold them together into this story of the 1975-76 school year.

I hope the events forming this book will have a special meaning for each of you, because they have been special events and moments . . . they have been the "Raider Revolution".

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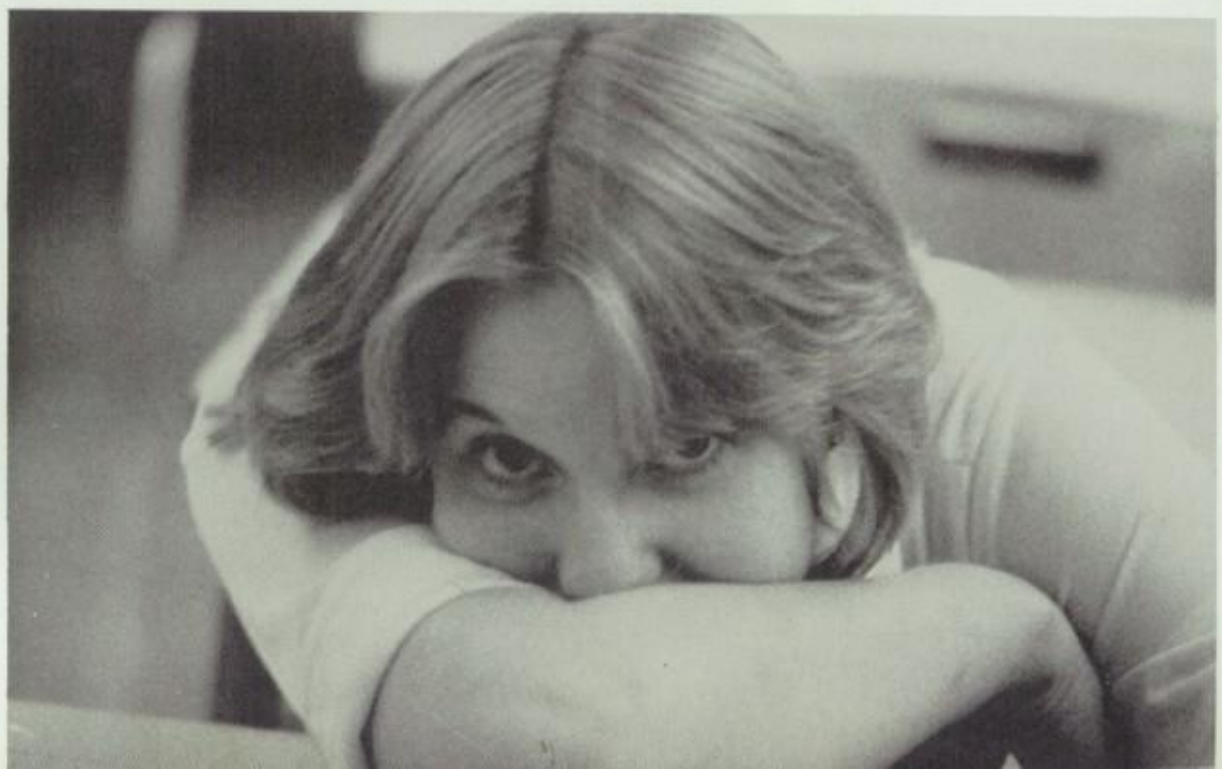

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It's hard
always to write in
someone's book who
is special. And I
can say is thanks for
being there & over through
some fun times & some sad.
but that's how a friendship grows.
You'll never know how much
I love ya. Keep smiling &
God Bless always! Love,
"Seniors" (at last). 77-

Good luck
forever

Teresa,
To some one
who I didn't get
to really know until
our High School days. Be
good just like me.

Kara

Teresa,
Just another
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You're a very
nice girl with
a lot of brains as
well as looks. Good luck
in whatever you set out to
do. -77- Friends always,
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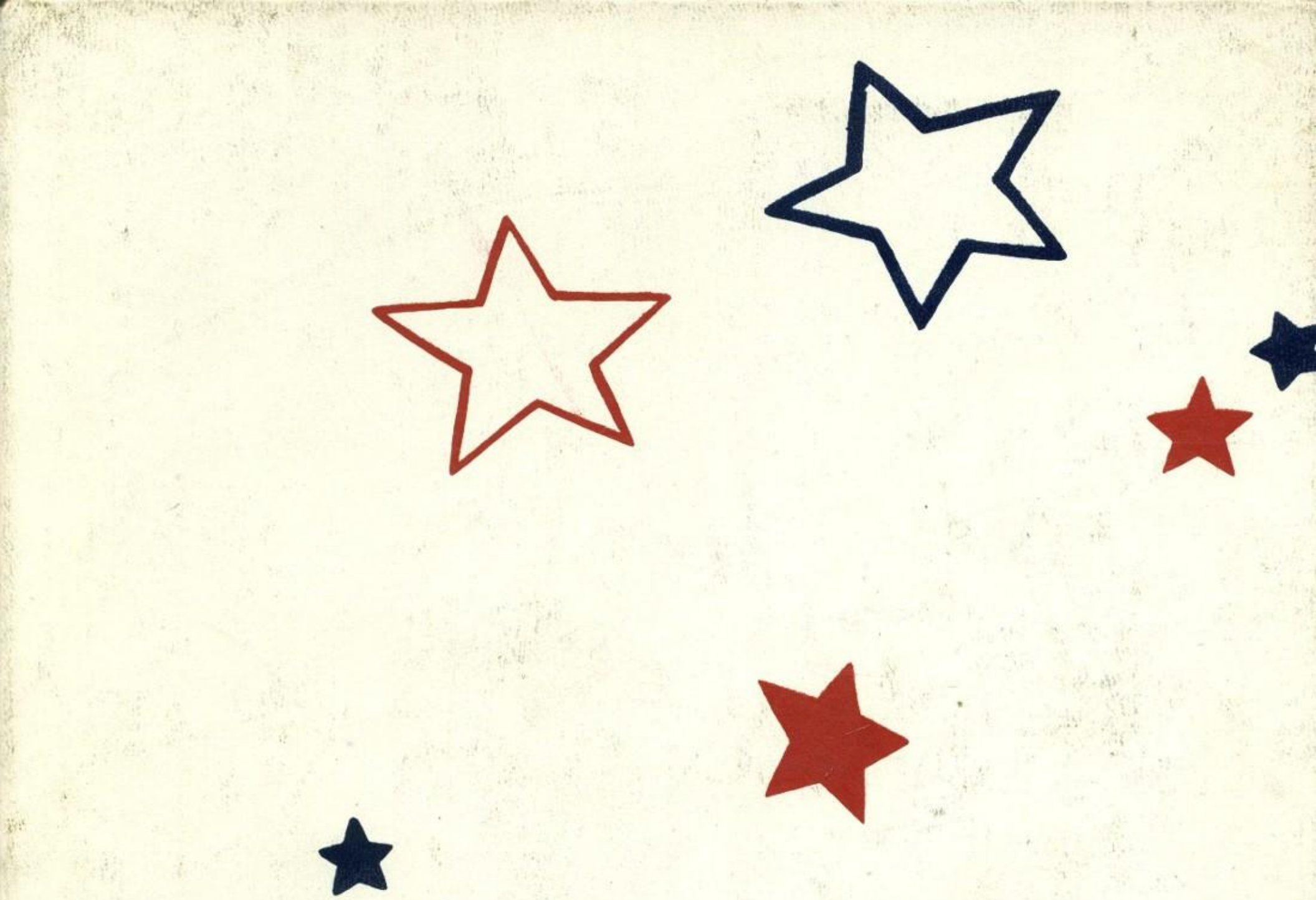
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